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Food bank needs extra

Officials are fearful pantries will fall short at Thanksgiving.

By RICHARD ROBBINS
For The Valley Independent
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With demand for food up because of the recession, the Westmoreland County Food Bank is facing the holiday season uncertain whether it will be able to purchase 6,500 turkey vouchers or 7,000.

The vouchers are distributed to needy households several weeks before Thanksgiving every year. In past years, 6,500 have been distributed, according to Executive Director Marlene Kozak. The 7,000 figure represents the new reality ushered in by the downtown in the national economy.

Food bank officials see a need for an additional 500 vouchers at $10 apiece. As to whether the agency can afford to buy more vouchers this year, Kozak said, "I'm not sure. I don't know."

At the Monessen Food Pantry, Executive Director Mary Jo Smith said she receives a county allotment to serve 540, but the number of families it serves always increases around the holidays.

She said the local pantry distributed about 610 turkey vouchers last year.

Smith said she has mailed letters to various organizations and businesses in the city in the hopes of receiving donations to purchase more food for the holiday season.

"We want to help as many people as we can," Smith said. "It's getting harder and harder for people, especially senior citizens. The cost of everything

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Rendell legacy might carry on

The public view of the governor might flavor the election of his successor.

By MARC LEVY
Associated Press Writer

HARRISBURG – Even his adversaries acknowledge he's aggressive.

So it is unsurprising that Gov. Ed Rendell is using up every drop of his time in office to press a busy agenda deep into his second term, even as state government grapples with what the Democrat calls its worst financial shortfall since the Great Depression.

That combination could be acidic for any candidate trying to avoid controversy in a campaign in which all will inevitably be asked their opinions about a governor who has recently navigated thorny issues of taxes and spending.

"Rendell will not only be deeply involved in the race, but the race itself will be about him and his policies," political analysts G. Terry Madonna and Michael L. Young wrote in their regular "Politically Uncorrected" column this week.

Rendell, they said, will be the first Pennsylvania governor since 1970s-era Milton Shapp "to have his leadership and his policies the centerpiece of a governor's contest."

There's a lot to digest from the Rendell years.

The Philadelphian has at times battled Republicans and at other times persuaded them to go along with him on school funding, clean energy, containing health care costs, economic development programs and human services.

To be sure, Rendell has failed at times. Republicans have turned back new taxes he sought on tobacco sales, natural gas extraction, oil company profits and electricity use.

He has tried, unsuccessfully so far, to expand the state's subsidized health insurance program to hundreds of thousands of uninsured adults.

His proposal to place video game terminals in bars and taverns to generate money for college tuition grants fell flat in the Legislature. And legislators never warmed to his idea to lease the Pennsylvania Turnpike to a private company to raise billions to repair creaky bridges and crumbling highways.

In June, he joined top Democratic legislators in calling for an income tax increase to wipe out a multibillion-dollar, recession-driven budget shortfall. That failed, and he instead accepted a blend of Republican and Democratic proposals, including spending cuts and higher taxes on some businesses.

Still, it took until Oct. 9 – 101 days after the beginning of the fiscal year – for the politically divided Legislature to bridge the partisan divide and get the key budget bills to Rendell's

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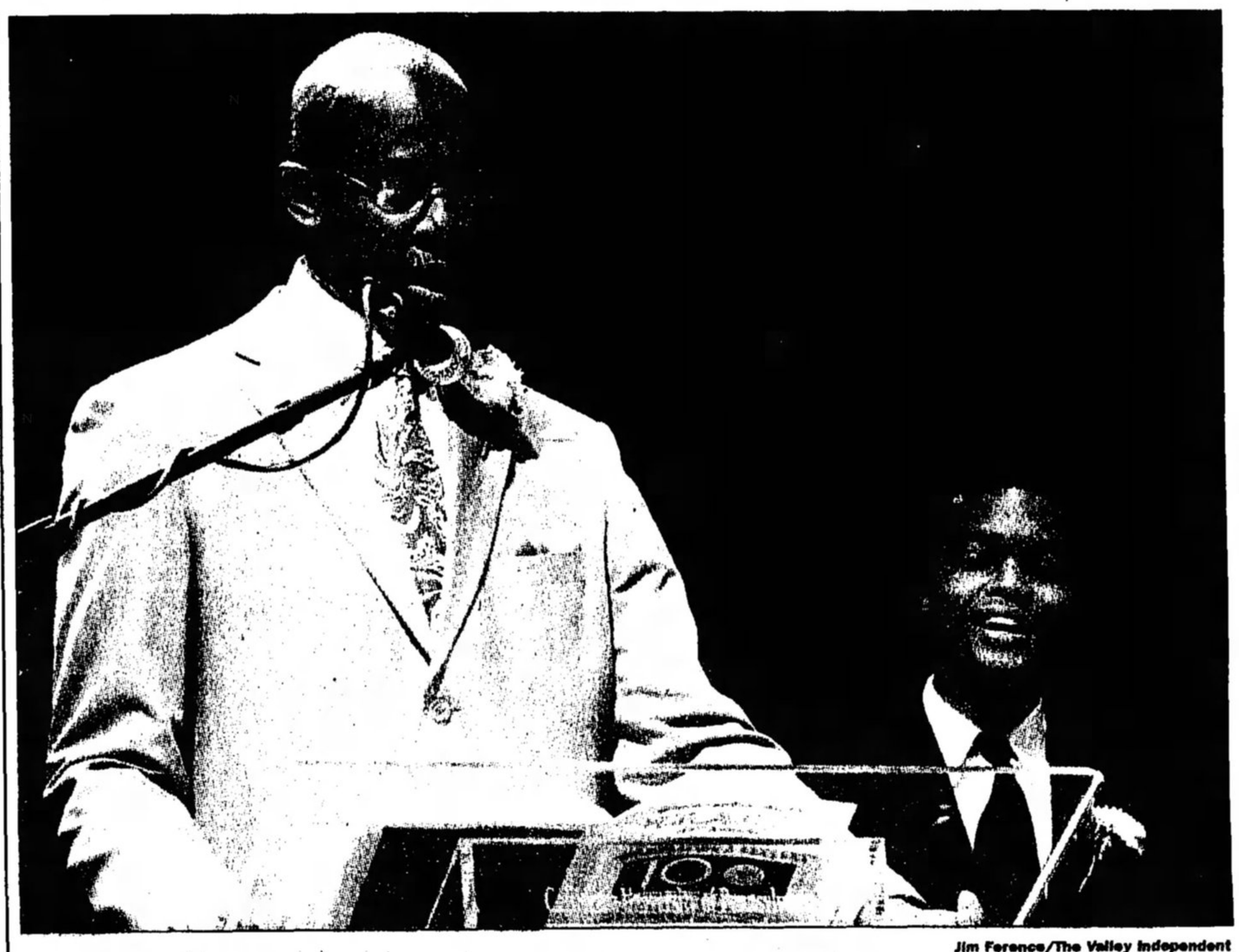

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Elder Jack Hall, of Christian Life Ministries in Donora, sings during the 49th annual Human Rights Banquet on Saturday in California, Pa. At right is master of ceremonies David Hall.

NAACP history stressed at Human Rights event

The Mon Valley branch marked the organization's 100th anniversary.

By DON HOLTZ
For The Valley Independent

CALIFORNIA, Pa. – Mon Valley District Missionary Sheron Clark discussed the history of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on Saturday at the 49th annual Human Rights banquet.

The Mon Valley Chapter NAACP event drew about 200 people to the Elmo Natali Student Center at California University of Pennsylvania.

The NAACP recognized 10 outstanding local black students, four NAACP ambassadors and six area churches.

An official with the Pittsburgh Commission on Human Relations, Clark stressed the importance of understanding the 100 year history of the NAACP.

"Do we really know the NAACP history?" Clark asked. "To understand we have to go back."

Clark took her audience back to before the Civil War. She said blacks in much of America were subjected to hereditary slavery. They were barred from education, causing a devastating impact that is "still felt today," she said.

Clark said that after the Civil War, organizations such as the Ku Klux Klan resisted change and resorted to such violence as lynching to further its racist cause.

Through it, though, she said, blacks gained wholeness.

The organization began as its founders "sought to ensure that the Constitution was upheld," Clark said.

She said the principle objective, as listed in the NAACP Constitution, was to ensure political, educational and social equality and to eliminate racial hatred and discrimination.

"Over the last 100 years the NAACP has stood strong through it all," Clark said. "African-Americans have gone from lynched and degraded to president of the United States."

The comment was met Saturday with a thunder of applause.

If the founders of the organization could have been present for the NAACP's largest annual fundraiser, "they would have said, 'We've done well,'" Clark concluded.

The following received awards:

- 2009 Academic Award - Cody Williams, Belle Vernon Area High School.
- 2010 Academic Award - Darnet Howell, Monessen High School.
- 2009 Athletic Award - ShelDon R. Miller, Monessen High School.
- 2010 Athletic Award - Cameron Johnson, Ringgold High School.
- 2009 Community Service Award - Richard L. Hall, Monessen High School.
- 2010 Community Service Award - Marcus Yuille, Monessen High School.
- 2009 Performing Arts Award - Taia James, Ringgold High School.

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Study: Many children lack vitamin D

The main sources are enriched milk and the sun's rays.

LINDSEY TANNER
AP Medical Writer

CHICAGO – At least one in five U.S. children aged 1 to 11 don't get enough vitamin D and could be at risk for a variety of health problems including weak bones, the most recent national analysis suggests.

By a looser measure, almost 90 percent of black children that age and 80 percent of Hispanic kids could be vitamin D deficient – "astounding numbers" that should serve as a call to action, said Dr. Jonathan Mansbach, lead author of the new analysis and a researcher at Harvard Medical School and Children's Hospital in Boston.

The findings add to mounting evidence about vitamin D deficiency in children, teens and adults, a concern because of recent studies suggesting the vitamin might help prevent serious diseases, including infections, diabetes and even some cancers.

While hard evidence showing that low levels of vitamin D lead to disease or that high levels prevent it is lacking, it's a burgeoning area of research.

Exactly how much vitamin D children and adults should get, and defining when they are deficient, is under debate.

Doctors use different definitions, and many are waiting for guidance expected in an Institute of Medicine report on vitamin D due next year. The institute is a government advisory group that sets dietary standards.

The new analysis, released online today by the journal Pediatrics, is the first assessment of varying vitamin D levels in children aged 1 through 11.

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Weather

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
High 63 Low 47	High 59 Low 49	High 68 Low 50	High 69 Low 46	High 62 Low 44

Titanic expedition possible

Hearings on the matter were set to begin today.

By The Associated Press

NORFOLK, Va. – The company that has exclusive rights to salvage the Titanic is planning a possible expedition to the world's most famous shipwreck in 2010.

The first expedition to the North Atlantic wreck site since 2004 is revealed in a filing by RMS Titanic Inc. in U.S. District Court, where four days of hearings are scheduled to begin today on the company's claim for a salvage award.

Lawyers for RMS Titanic Inc. confirmed the expedition plans but declined to discuss them in detail.

"That is something that is being looked at right now but it's not in any way a done deal," attorney Robert W. McFarland said in an interview. He said the company would have more to say at this week's hearing.

U.S. District Judge Rebecca Beach Smith, a maritime jurist who considers the wreck an "international treasure," will preside over the hearings. They are intended to determine a salvage award and establish legal guarantees that thousands of Titanic artifacts remain intact as a collection and forever accessible to the public. Some pieces have ended up in London auction houses.

Children (FROM PAGE ONE)

Previous studies in the journal this year found low levels were prevalent in U.S. teens, and also showed kids with low levels had higher blood pressure and cholesterol levels, and were more likely to be overweight.

The new analysis uses data from a 2001-06 government health survey of nearly 3,000 children. They had blood tests measuring vitamin D levels.

Using the American Academy of Pediatrics' cutoff for healthy vitamin D levels, 6.4 million children – about 20 percent of kids that age – have blood levels that are too low.

Applying a less strict, higher cutoff, two-thirds of children that age, including 90 percent of black kids and 80 percent of Hispanics, are deficient in vitamin D.

A Pediatrics editorial says the strongest evidence about effects of vitamin D deficiency in kids involves rickets, a bone disease common a century ago but that continues to occur.

Rickets can be treated and prevented with 400 units daily of vitamin D, the editorial says.

The pediatricians' group recently recommended that amount for all children, saying that most need vitamin supplements.

Mansbach says his study, funded by the National Institutes of Health, supports that recommendation.

Children can get 400 units daily by drinking four cups of fortified milk, or eating lots of fish, but many don't do that.

The body also makes vitamin D when sunlight hits the skin, but many children don't spend enough time outdoors.

That's one reason why lower vitamin D levels are found in children living in colder climates and those with darker skin, which absorbs less sunlight.

Rendell (FROM PAGE ONE)

desk.

Even if his public approval ratings suffered, those extra months of high-profile budget negotiations and partisan recriminations guaranteed Rendell a torrent of headlines and airtime late in his second four-year term. Throughout, he remained a powerful force.

He secured a hefty gain for public schools – nearly $300 million more, a 5.7 percent increase – at a time when overall approved spending dropped. And when legislators tried to maneuver around him, he insisted on and won concessions that he viewed as crucial to helping state government avoid another budget crisis next year.

The three two-term administrations that preceded Rendell faded in energy and ambition in their final years, analysts say.

But next year – Rendell's last as governor before he reaches the constitutional limit of eight years in office – friends and advisers expect Rendell to haul a packed agenda into the Legislature. After all, he's known for working late into the night.

"Ed Rendell's most productive working hours are between midnight and 1:30 a.m.," said David Cohen, who was Rendell's chief of staff as Philadelphia's mayor in the 1990s. "For some people it's the middle of the night. For him, it's the most productive time of the day."

If state government avoids another budget shortfall this year – as Rendell has planned – Cohen said he expects the governor to press his priorities on energy, health care and education, issues over which it is hard to unite Republicans and Democrats even in the best of financial times.

Gubernatorial candidates likely will have to take positions on those issues raised by Rendell. If another budget deficit materializes, the candidates will be forced to sound off on Rendell's proposals to fix the mess, analysts say.

"I think when it's all said and done," Madonna said, "they're all going to have to deal in one way or another with his agenda."

Food (FROM PAGE ONE)

is going up, but not their income or Social Security."

The number of households in Westmoreland County receiving free monthly food boxes began to creep higher about six months ago, Kozak said. While the number fluctuates, it averages nearly 7,000 a month, she said.

"We assume it's the recession at work," Kozak said. "Every week, we're fearful that we may run out of food to give people standing in line."

To meet the increased demand, the food bank is prepared to cut back portions – such as giving out one can of fruit per box instead of two, or substituting cheaper cuts of meat for more expensive. So far this year, officials have not had to take such a drastic step.

Surprisingly, private fundraising, which accounts for 60 percent of the food bank's yearly income, has remained strong despite the recession, Kozak said.

"I think people are giving to fewer causes," she said. "They're picking out basic needs. Food, for instance. We're in that category."

On the minus side is the fact that the state budget impasse in Harrisburg caused the agency to lose out on some $224,000 for the last two quarters of 2009, Kozak said. The agency expects to get the money eventually, but just when is uncertain.

"We hope to get both checks in December," Kozak said. "But we have no control over it. (The state has) not told us."

Jennifer Miller, development director for the food bank, urged schools to sign up to raise money for the Thanksgiving voucher program. The fourth annual Turkey Cup Challenge, which pits schools against one another, is under way with two fewer schools than last year.

Eight schools are lending a hand instead of the usual 10. It's not too late for school officials and students to get involved, Miller said.

Last year's Turkey Cup Challenge raised $26,031. Miller said this year's total is uncertain.

In addition to the cash raised by students, the food bank relies on a fundraising letter that will go out to 2,300 businesses in the county within the next two weeks. Last year's solicitation resulted in $40,000 in donations.

Valley briefs

Absentee ballot deadline Tuesday

Tuesday is the last day to apply for an absentee ballot for the Nov. 3 general election.

Local county voter registration offices will be open today and Tuesday to take last-minute applications.

Completed absentee ballots must be received by the respective county offices no later than Friday at 5 p.m.

Competition set for young artists

Young artists are invited to compete in a "Community Immunity" art contest for students in grades nine to 12.

The Allegheny County Immunization Coalition, a group of 43 health organizations and educational institutions led by the Allegheny County Health Department, is sponsoring the contest.

The theme is "Don't Let the Flu Get You Down: Get Vaccinated ... Stay Healthy ... Have Fun."

Entries must be submitted by Nov. 12. Finalists' art will be displayed Dec. 4 to 10 in the Art Institute of Pittsburgh, Downtown, and the winners will be announced at a reception there on Dec. 10.

The first-place winner and school each receive $250 from the coalition.

The Art Institute will award scholarships of $1,000 to $5,000 to first, second and third-place winners who enroll there full-time..

Beaver County crash kills 4

Authorities say a collision between a car and a pickup truck has killed four people and injured a fifth in Beaver County.

County Coroner Teri Tatalovich-Rossi said the car was traveling at high speed north on Route 51 when it collided with a Darlington-bound pickup on Route 168 shortly before midnight Saturday in South Beaver Township.

The three men in the small compact were killed, according to the coroner.

They were identified as 23-year-old Louis Young IV, 23-year-old Bryan Atkinson and 22-year-old Joshua Tate, all from Beaver Falls.

The coroner said Tate was wearing a seat belt but the others were thrown from the vehicle. She declined to say who authorities believe was driving.

She said, 25-year-old Jessica Demarco, also of Beaver Falls, who was in the pickup, also was killed.

Demarco's husband, Daniel Demarco, was flown to the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, where he was listed in serious condition today..

Nonprofits seeking funds

More than 350 nonprofits in western Pennsylvania are hoping for some much needed funding this week.

The Pittsburgh Foundation's first Match Day runs from 10 a.m. Wednesday to noon Thursday.

The charitable organization will match donations to nonprofits that establish profiles on its Web site at 50 cents on the dollar, up to $1,250.

Stockdale resident Sean Whiten, a Roscoe fire captain and a state-certified training instructor who was taking part in training exercises at the Smithton Fire Training Center when he suffered a fatal heart attack on Aug. 9, 2008, was honored earlier this month at the 28th annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend in Emmitsburg, Md.

Former fire captain honored at national memorial service

The late Roscoe Fire Department Captain Sean Whiten died during a traing exercise on Aug. 9, 2008.

By CHRIS BUCKLEY
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As the Whiten family was escorted through a "sea of blue" leading to the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial, Bob Whiten heard a familiar number shouted out.

"Someone yelled 'Hey 33' - that's our department," Whiten said. "That made us feel good that someone knew we were there."

The family of the late Sean Whiten was among 122 families hosted for the 28th National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend earlier this month in Emmitsburg, Md.

Sean Whiten died Aug. 9, 2008, of a heart attack during a training exercise in South Huntingdon Township.

Whiten, of Stockdale, was a Roscoe fire captain and a state-certified training instructor. He was taking part in training exercises at the Smithton Fire Training Center when he fell ill.

The National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Park is located on the campus of the National Fire Academy, which is located about 90 minutes from Washington, D.C., and Baltimore.

It was designated by Congress in 1990 as the official monument to all fallen firefighters. Plaques around the monument bear the names of 3,259 firefighters who have died in the line of duty since 1981.

The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation was created to honor every firefighter who dies serving his or her community. In addition to the Maryland memorial, the foundation offers scholarships, safety programs, and counseling resources for relatives and departments of fallen firefighters.

More than a dozen people from Charleroi and Fallowfield Township went to Wsahington for three days of ceremonies, including Sean Whiten's widow, Linda, and their son, Sean Robert, along with his parents, Robert Whiten Sr., a former Charleroi fire chief, and Sylvia Whiten; his brother, Bob, and wife, Janice.

A luminary service was held the first night. On the final day of the event, buses took the families to the memorial.

"The toughest thing was seeing the sea of blue (firefighters)," Bob Whiten said. "There was a line three football fields long of guys who escorted us from the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial.

"As soon as you walk through the sea of blue...It's a solumn occasion. It's something you have to see."

As the name of each fallen firefighter was read, a family member went forward and accepted a flag, a rose and a keepsake badge.

Afterward, a lunch was held for an estimated 7,000 family members who attended.

Although thousands packed the memorial park, the event had a bit of a hometown affair for the Whiten family, his brother recalled.

Monessen native Ronald J. Siarnicki, executive director of the National Fallen Firefighter Foundation, spoke.

North Belle Vernon native Jeff Parks and Roscoe Fire Chief Todd Mauk served as escorts for the family.

Numerous western Pennsylvania fire chiefs also attended.

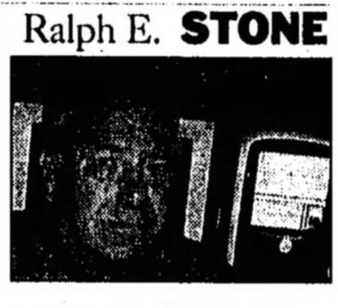
"There was a nice gathering of people from the Mon Valley and western Pennsylvania there," Bob Whitem said.

Bob Whiten said the family was impressed by the entire event.

"It was done so professionally," Bob Whiten said.

Dave Bergstedt has a dream

Ralph E. **STONE**



Today's column - like the two preceeding it - uses football as its focus, but this time it comes with a somewhat different twist.

I'll refer to this version as "Davie's Dream" since it was offered to me from my long-standing friend, Dave Bergstedt.

For those who may not know Dave, we'll begin with a little background.

Dave was in the backfield of one of the finest Monessen High School teams to ever wear the Black & White. He alternated at right halfback with Eric Crabtree, who went on to achieve fame at Pitt and then a successful career in the NFL.

Monessen's 1960 football team also featured Ben Jones and Kenny DiGiacomo, as running backs, while Anthony Romasco took the reins at quarterback. Billy Malinchak, one of this Valley's most talented receivers, lined up at end with Ron Oliver handling the other end position. The line consisted of J.Yandrick at center while Andy Dzurinko and Walt Rozicky were the two guards. The tackles were Tony Vitale and R. Yatchyshyn. Most of that year's team lined up on both sides of the ball, with Bergstedt taking an outside linebacker slot on defense.

That team steamrolled through its first eight encounters , defeating Perry, Monongahela, Duquesne, Hempfield, Brownsville, Clairton, Johnstown and Charleroi.

In its ninth contest, traveling to McKeesport, the team met up with another undefeated squad. The host Tigers handed the Hounds their only loss of the season, 13-26.

The Greyhounds rebounded the following week with a convincing 46-7 victory over Donora. Unfortunately, that one loss took them out of contention for the WPIAL crown since the Garner Point System, which was then used to determine champions, only considered undefeated teams. If that same team had

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Valley review

A look at the week that was in the Valley

Here's a look at the top news happenings of the past week in the Mid-Mon Valley:

New trial denied - A motion for a new trial sought for a Webster man convicted of murdering a Carroll Township couple was denied Wednesday by a Washington County judge.

Defense Attorney Noah Geary had sought a new trial for Gerald Szakal, 26, of Fifth Street, who was convicted Oct. 1 of robbing and fatally shooting retired Carroll Township police Chief Howard Springer, and his wife, retired teacher Nancy Springer, March 4, 2008, in their home at 1241 Highland Road.

Juror Everett Miller contended in an affidavit filed a earlier this month that he was "coerced" by his fellow jurors into convicting Szakal. He also contended that at least two other jurors opposed the verdict.

That jury convicted Szakal of the two counts each of homicide, robbery, theft by unlawful taking or disposition, receiving stolen property and conspiracy to commit robbery.

In her Wednesday order, Judge Debbie O'Dell Seneca said, "appellate courts take a dim view of counsel interviewing jurors after a verdict without authorization from the trial judge."

O'Dell Seneca said interviewing jurors after a verdict and obtaining unsworn statements is "highly unethical and improper" and has been condemned by appellate courts.

While Washington County District Attorney Steve Toprani applauded the judge's decision, Geary vowed to appeal it to the state Superior Court.

Geary said that appeal would also claim:

- During jury selection, a prospective juror told others in the courtroom he felt Szakal was guilty/
- Witness Dennis Hawkins stood on the courtroom steps at lunchtime one day during the trial and told jurors Szakal was guilty.
- Closing remarks made by Assistant District Attorney Craig McKay could be misconstrued to suggest some of the burden of proof was on the defense.
- O'Dell Sececa denied his request to call a false confession expert.

Political signs moved - There was no large political rally being held in the 200 block of Center Street in Washington Township the morning of Oct. 16.

But if you were a resident in that area, you might have thought there was.

That's because in one particular yard someone had placed more than 50 political signs for the upcoming Nov. 3 election, it wsa revealed last week.

But it wasn't a rally, just a case of mass theft of signs and a bit of criminal mischief.

Township Police Superintendent Ray Moody acknowledged Wednesday that the signs were taken from various places throughout the township, Belle Vernon, Lynnwood and a portion of Rostraver Township and then placed in the yard.

The political signs taken were for various candidates running for local, county and statewide races.

Moody said the investigation is continuing and, if caught, the perpetrators will be charged with multiple offenses, including theft.

Elementary center project beginning - The early stages of transforming a closed middle school into Ringgold Elementary Center South have been put in motion by the Ringgold School Board.

At Wednesday's regular monthly meeting, the board approved Plancon Part A for renovating the former Carroll Middle School. The facility, which was closed following the 2008-09 school year, will house the students in grades K-4 now attending Donora and Monongahela elementary centers.

The board also approved conducting geotechnical services on the site.

Superintendent Gary Hamilton outlined the timeline for the approximately $13 million project, which calls for the construction to be completed by Aug. 26, 2011.

Construction is expected to start May 31, 2010, and be completed by the August, 2011, date.

At Wednesday's meeting, the board also approved payment of $57,600 to HHSDR for services related to the project.

Tax break possible - Monessen property owners could get breaks on their 2010 taxes.

A year after receiving court approval to raises taxes by 5 mills, the city is in better financial condition, Mayor Anthony Petaccia said at a Wednesday council meeting.

Petaccia said the 2008 audit of city finances revealed a $100,000 surplus in the general fund. He said the city should also realize substantial savings in health care for city employees because both uniform and nonuniform union workers agreed to new insurance plans.

The city also will receive a $54,180 signing bonus by entering into an agreement with Dale Property Services Penn LLC, which leases land for Chesapeake Energy.

The firm has been working with city officials to obtain leases in Monessen to extract natural gas from the Marcellus Shale formation.

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RECORDS

Stone (FROM PAGE THREE)

taken the field under today's rules, it likely would have walked away with top honors.

The following year, with many lettermen returning, the Hounds did win the coveted WPIAL championship, but some observers will tell you that the 1960 edition actually had a bit more talent than the championship team.

Each of the seven senior starters on the '60 team went on to win football scholarships at division-one colleges, with Bergstedt going to Youngstown State. Dave played one year at Youngstown before transferring to nearby Cal State.

His love of sports then led him into the realm of high school officiating, where he became one of the most respected officials in the state, not only in football but on the basketball court and baseball diamond as well.

It is not, however, Dave's athletic or officiating skills that are the theme of this particular column.

Instead, it is Davie's dream or perhaps, if you prefer, his vision.

I, for one, think it deserves some serious consideration.

Any long-time Greyhound fan remembers Eugene "Kooch" Davis.

From the '50s through the '90s Kooch was as much of a symbol of Monessen football as the Greyhound itself. He traveled with the team under the guidance of coaches Joe Gladys and Jack Scarvel and was usually somewhere near the Greyhound bench for each encounter. He became as much a part of the game as the coaches and players themselves.

For those who may be unaware, Kooch was a mentally challenged individual who cleaned windows in most of the businesses that lined the streets of downtown Monessen. He passed away about five years ago, but Dave's dream is to immortalize Kooch as a Greyhound fan, and in so doing, draw attention to the specially challenged individuals throughout the world and in this Valley in particular.

Dave points out that Kooch was as much a part of that '60 team as its co-captains, Dzurinko, Romasco and DeGiacomo.

"He traveled with us on our away trips and there wasn't a member of that squad who didn't love him", Bergstedt said.

It wasn't only that '60 team that loved Kooch but members of each and every team for more than four decades felt the same way about him.

Many of those former Greyhound athletes went on to achieve successful and affluent business and professional careers.

Dave would like to see those players and others who would care to contribute to start a fund to erect a life-size statue of Kooch standing between his two favorite coaches, Gladys and Scarvel. The statue could be placed upon the hillside of the Memorial Stadium along with some plaques recognizing the several Greyhound athletes who went on to professional football careers.

Dave embellished his dream by saying, "Wouldn't it be great if it could all be dedicated at a special ceremony in 2011 when the 1961 team will celebrate the 50th anniversary of that WPIAL championship season?

"And, wouldn't it be great", Dave continued," if we could do it all in conjunction with Charleroi?"

Dave reasoned that Charleroi, like Monessen, has also had its share of very special fans.

Anyone who has ever seen a Cougar game is bound to remember George Perilak, better known as "Cougar George."

George became well known for his often boisterous backing of Cougar sports, sometimes to the point of upsetting fans from other communities. For the most part, however, most of our Valley fans understood and appreciated George's love for his Cougars.

On one memorable evening, he even jubilantly led the Cougar Marching Band onto the field.

On the other side of Cougar George's very dynamic personality were the gentler, more reserved cheers that came from Joe Danesi, better known as "Charleroi Joe."

The lovable, little Joe Danesi, like most of these "special fans," did not limit his love of Charleroi sports to football. "Charleroi Joe" was also seen at all the basketball and baseball events.

I especially remember a summer afternoon in 1975 when I was managing a Charleroi Pony League team that was playing in a tournament at Monongahela. Joe had been following the successes that two Charleroi teams were having in that tournament and, since I was managing one of those teams, he camped out on my doorstep to make certain he would not miss the next game.

My wife and I invited him in for a generous serving of spaghetti. Most of the sauce found its way to Joe's Cougar T shirt. but he enjoyed each bite and then traveled with me to Monongahela, where he cheered us on to a victory over a Penn Hills team. The final game of that tournament pitted the two Charleroi teams against one another. Joe didn't know which team to cheer for but he was elated when Charleroi teams would take both the championship and runner-up trophies. (My team, by the way, was the runner-up.)

Both "Cougar George" and "Charleroi Joe" have passed on to cheer at better pastures.

Along with Kooch, Davie's Dream includes "Cougar George" and "Charleroi Joe."

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DEATH NOTICES

DUBOVSKY — Anna Dubovsky, of Levittown, formerly of Monongahela, on Sunday, Oct. 25. Frye Funeral Home Inc., Monongahela.*

GREGG — Dolores E. Gregg, of Elizabeth, formerly of Washington, on Sunday, Oct. 25. Warco-Falvo Funeral Home, Washington, Pa.*

MARTIS — Josephine "Babe" Martis, 87, of West Newton, formerly of Clairton, on Saturday, Oct. 24. A.J. Bekavac Funeral Home, Clairton.*

POSTEL — Dulcie I. Postel, 93, of Deland, Fla., formerly of Charleroi, on Sunday, Oct. 18. Beinhauer Funeral Home, McMurray.*

* See death notice

Anna Dubovsky
Levittown
Formerly of Monongahela

Anna Dubovsky, 97, of Levittown, formerly of Monongahela, died on Sunday, Oct. 25, 2009. Friends will be received 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the FRYE FUNERAL HOME INC., Monongahela. A complete obituary will appear in tomorrow's edition of *The Valley Independent.*

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Dolores E. Gregg
Elizabeth
Formerly of Washington

Dolores E. Gregg, 94, of Elizabeth, formerly of Washington, died Sunday, Oct. 25, 2009, at the home of her niece. Arrangements are being handled by the WARCO-FALVO FUNERAL HOME, INC., Wilson at Katherine Avenue, Washington, Pa. A complete obituary will appear in Tuesday's edition.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Josephine "Babe" Martis
West Newton
Formerly of Clairton

Josephine "Babe" Martis, 87, of West Newton, formerly of Clairton, died Saturday, Oct. 24, 2009. She was born Aug. 25, 1922, in Clairton, a daughter of the late Vincenzo and Maria Ielease Azzari. She was a member of Ascension of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church. "Babe" was a woman who dedicated her life to loving and supporting her family and friends. She was an excellent host who took great joy in feeding everyone who visited her house. She was also an avid reader and traveler. She is survived by her sons, Paul V. Martis, of State College, Eugene J. (Susan) Martis, of Sewickley Township, John F. (Mary Lou) Martis, of North Huntington, Jim G. (Cheryl) Martis, of Monongahela, Jerry M. (Linda) Martis, of Belle Vernon; daughter, Maryjo (Tim) Babyak, of Perryopolis; sisters, Theresa Paoletti, of Clairton, and Frances Ekaitis, of Realto, Calif.; 12 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Eugene Martis; sister, Genevieve Ross; and a grandson, Jeffrey Martis. Friends will be received from 6 to 9 p.m. Monday and 1 to 4 and 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday with Parastas at 7:30 p.m. in the A.J. BEKAVAC FUNERAL HOME, 555 Fifth St., Clairton. Funeral Liturgy will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Ascension of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church with the Rev. Ivan Mina as celebrant. Panachida will be held at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday in the funeral home. Interment will be in Ascension Cemetery, Clairton. In lieu of flowers, her wishes were memorial contributions be made to The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, 1133 S. Braddock Ave, Ste. 1A, Pittsburgh, PA 15218 or Mount St. Macrina, 500 West Main St., Box 878, Uniontown, PA 15401. www.bekavacfuneralhome.com.

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Dulcie I. Postel
Deland, Fla.
Formerly of Charleroi

Dulcie I. Postel, 93, of Deland Fla., formerly of Charleroi, died on Sunday, Oct. 18, 2009. Born Aug. 26, 1916, in Belle Vernon, she was a daughter of the late Fred and Anna Nickerson Theakston. She was also preceded in death by her sisters, Minnie Crum, Sudie Craig, Betty Smith; and brothers Deems and Harry Theakston. She is survived by her daughter, Delsie Rae Corace; and her son, John Terry Yeager (Janet), both of Deland, Fla.; her grandchildren, Ralph R. Sands (Eileen) of North Strabane, Leslie Diller of Orlando, Fla., Valarie Yeager Daly (Dan) of Ocoee, Fla., and Terry Yeager of Deltona, Fla. Also surviving are eight great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. Interment will be today in the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Carroll Township, after private services.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Pennsylvania group ministers in mime

Sibilings have been miming together to music at church events for 3 years

By DANA MASSING
Associated Press Writer

ERIE — A circle of white paint covers all but the lips, eyes and brows.

White-gloved fists move around the edge of each face.

These aren't your typical mimes caught in a box or pulling on a rope.

The three Stephens children are making their motion for "amazing."

Andre, Taniah and SaNae Stephens have been miming together to music at church events for three years. In mid-October, they held a concert to celebrate their ministry and their selection to be filmed for a gospel television program.

"It feels good," said SaNae, the youngest at age 7.

Taniah is 9 and Andre, 13. They are the children of Elder Weyman Stephens Jr., pastor of New Revelation Full Gospel Baptist Church, and his wife, Collette Stephens, first lady of the church in Erie, located in northwestern Pennsylvania along Lake Erie.

Collette Stephens said the children, who perform under the name of Prophecy, attended a mime workshop in July in Pittsburgh, about 115 miles to the south, where they were seen by Grammy and Dove winner Bobby Jones, who has several television shows. He selected them to be filmed by the Word Network, she said.

Associated Press

Siblings SaNae Stephens (left), 7, Andre Stephens (center), 13, and Taniah Stephens, 9, perform mime to gospel music at New Revelation Full Gospel Baptist Church in Erie. The children, who perform under the name Prophecy, have been honing their craft at church events for three years, and attended a July mime workshop in Pittsburgh where Grammy and Dove winner Bobby Jones selected them to appear on an upcoming gospel television show that will be broadcast nationally.

The family, which lives less than 20 miles south of Erie in Edinboro, will drive to a taping, either later this year in Washington, D.C., or more likely, in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., in May, Collette Stephens said. She doesn't know when the children will be shown on a Bobby Jones program.

"If you get on his show," Collette Stephens said, "your ministry always goes to another level."

Her children's ultimate goal is to minister on an international level, she said.

Andre got teary when they learned they were taking the next step with an appearance on TV, he said. The girls said they jumped after hearing that Jones had picked them.

Her children said they watch Jones, who features gospel singers and new talent.

While the Stephens children perform to gospel music, what they do differs from praise dance, their mother said. Miming involves more expression and sign language, she said.

White face paint helps their expressions stand out for the audience, Collette Stephens said. White gloves show gestures better.

Andre's favorite is the praying hands.

"It shows the people I know how to pray," he said. "You've got to encourage them to pray."

The trio performs more than 25 mime selections. The children said they do their mime ministry to help bring people to Christ.

Taniah does a lot of the choreography.

"She'll let God speak to her," Collette Stephens said.

In Memory of
Clarence Manning Jr.

In loving memory of Clarence Manning Jr. on his birthday, October 26, who went to heaven June 4, 2009. Sending all the love in our hearts to heaven on your special day. Happy Birthday, Dad! We love and miss you so much!!

Your loving daughter Nicole, wife Anna, and son-in-law Frankie

In Memory Of
Bill Nakutis

On his birthday, October 25, 2009. You are sadly missed by all who loved and knew you. But your guidance remains. There are so many things you showed and taught us to help us in our lives. You'll be in our hearts and minds forever.

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CORRECTION

Trick or treating in Speers borough will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday. The time was incorrectly listed in Friday's edition. The parade begins at 2 p.m. Saturday, and participants are asked to donate a nonperishable food item for the food bank, which can be dropped off during lineup at the Speers Methodist Church

NEWS

TODAY in HISTORY

Today is Monday, Oct. 26, the 299th day of 2009. There are 66 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight

On Oct. 26, 1979, South Korean President Park Chung-hee was shot to death during a dinner party along with his chief bodyguard by the head of the Korean Central Intelligence Agency, Kim Jae-kyu, who was later executed.

On this date:

■ In 1774, the First Continental Congress adjourned in Philadelphia.

■ In 1881, the "Gunfight at the O.K. Corral" took place in Tombstone, Ariz., as Wyatt Earp, his two brothers and "Doc" Holliday confronted Ike Clanton's gang. Three members of Clanton's group were killed; Earp's brothers and Holliday were wounded.

■ In 1909, former Japanese Prime Minister Ito Hirobumi was assassinated during a visit to Harbin, China by Korean nationalist An Jung-geun, who was later hanged.

■ In 1942, Japanese planes badly damaged the aircraft carrier USS Hornet in the Battle of Santa Cruz Islands during World War II. (The Hornet sank early the next morning.)

■ In 1967, the Shah of Iran crowned himself and his queen after 26 years on the Peacock Throne.

■ In 1972, national security adviser Henry Kissinger declared that "Peace is at hand" in Vietnam.

■ In 1994, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel and Prime Minister Abdel Salam Majali of Jordan signed a peace treaty during a ceremony at the Israeli-Jordanian border attended by President Bill Clinton.

■ In 2001, President George W. Bush signed the USA Patriot Act, giving authorities unprecedented ability to search, seize, detain or eavesdrop in their pursuit of possible terrorists.

■ **Ten years ago**: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released a study which said the number of Americans considered obese had soared from about one in eight in 1991 to nearly one in five in 1998.

■ **Five years ago**: The FCC gave its approval to Cingular Wireless LLC's $41 billion acquisition of AT&T Wireless Services Inc.

■ **One year ago**: U.S. military helicopters launched a rare attack on Syrian territory, killing eight people in a strike Damascus condemned as "serious aggression."

Associated Press

Brianna Jones, 4, right front, gets a hug from her mother, Jessica Ordonez, both of Phoenix, as Jones gets a dose of the H1N1 vaccine by nurse Elsabet Rahemeto, left, of the Mollen Immunization Clinics, at Bashas' grocery store in Phoenix on Saturday. Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius said today the swine flu vaccine "is coming out the door as fast as it comes off the production line."

Health boss says ample vaccine will be available

Kathleen Sebelius acknowledged delays in getting a sufficient supply of swine flu vaccine for all those demanding it.

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius said today the swine flu vaccine "is coming out the door as fast as it comes off the production line."

But at the same time, she acknowledged delays in getting a sufficient supply for all those demanding it.

"We were relying on the manufacturers to give us their numbers and as soon as we got numbers we put them out to the public.

It does appear now that those numbers were overly rosy," Sebelius said in one interview. "We do have a vaccine that works," she said.

Sebelius said the immune response is working faster than officials anticipated.

Appearing this morning on nationally broadcast news shows, she said officials now have a supply of about 16.5 million doses of the vaccine, while conceding that's millions of doses below the amount needed.

Sebelius said she couldn't predict just how widespread the virus will be. Roughly a thousand people have died from it so far in the United States.

But she also said officials do not believe there is yet any cause to close down schools and cease other daily activities.

President Barack Obama declared a health emergency over the weekend to give hospitals and health professionals more leeway from federal regulations to respond to the illness. And on Sunday, Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky said Congress would be happy to provide additional support and money on a bipartisan basis, if the need arises.

Said Sebelius: "If we had found the virus a little earlier we could have started a little earlier."

Asked what advice she would give to people who have waited futilely in line for shots, the secretary replied, "I want them to come back."

"I hope that people aren't discouraged," she said. "I know it's frustrating to wait in line and particularly if you end up with no vaccine. We wish this could have been smoother, that we had a larger supply. We knew it would come in waves."

Sebelius sought to assure people that eventually there will be enough supplies "for everyone."

Dr. Anne Schuchat, who heads the Immunization and Respiratory Diseases Division of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said it's hard to predict how long the H1N1 wave will continue, so even getting vaccinated a few months from now — when vaccine supplies are more plentiful — won't be too late.

"It wouldn't be too late," she said. "We don't know how long this increase will go on. ... We might see another wave after the first of the year. I think it's important for people to take steps to protect themselves."

Sebelius appeared on ABC's "Good Morning America," CBS's "The Early Show" and NBC's "Today" show. Schuchat was interviewed on CNN.

Clock ticking on health reform

WASHINGTON (AP) — Time growing short, Democratic leaders in the House and Senate still face key decisions if they are to achieve President Barack Obama's goal of passing legislation to remake the nation's health care system by year's end.

In the House, that means setting conditions under which the federal government would sell coverage in competition with private industry.

The remaining disagreements among rank and file Democrats revolve largely around the fees to be paid doctors and hospitals under the plan, and whether they should be dictated by federal officials or established in negotiations.

And in the Senate, it means deciding whether legislation will give the government a role in the marketplace at all.

THE WORLD BRIEFLY

GAO hits FDA on unproven drugs

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration has allowed drugs for cancer and other diseases to stay on the market even when follow-up studies showed they didn't save lives, say congressional investigators.

And the agency has never pulled a drug off the market due to a lack of required follow-up about its actual benefits — even when such information is more than a decade overdue, according to a report due out today from the Government Accountability Office.

When pressed about that policy, agency officials said they have no plans to get more aggressive.

The GAO found that the FDA does little to track whether drugs approved based on preliminary results actually have lived up to their promise.

Fire prompts Cal evacuations

WATSONVILLE, Calif. (AP) — High winds and dry weather drove a fire toward homes in the Santa Cruz mountains Sunday, forcing about 85 people to evacuate and sending scores of firefighters and other resources to the area.

The fire in the Summit area north of Santa Cruz was threatening about 150 homes and about 60 of them were under an evacuation order expected to last at least until late today, said Cherie Alver, a spokeswoman for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

The fire had destroyed a trailer and two outbuildings and burned about 600 acres by nightfall Sunday, authorities said.

It was 20 percent contained.

About 100 businesses also were threatened.

Despite recent rains in the area that brought worries of mudslides, fire officials said fire-friendly weather made a small blaze surge.

"We had some pretty strong winds up here this morning. It was howling," Loma Prieta Fire Chief Alex Leman told the San Francisco Chronicle. "That gave the fire quite a bit of energy."

The fire started at about 3 a.m. on a ridge in Santa Clara County and quickly spread down into a canyon and into Santa Cruz County. The cause remained under investigation, Alver said.

The winds abated late in the day and allowed firefighters to establish some containment lines, but they were expected to pick up again by Monday morning, Battalion Chief Jim Crawford said.

More than 1,000 firefighters and 15 water-dropping aircraft were expected to be taking on the blaze by daylight, fire officials said.

Copter crashes kill 14 Americans

KABUL (AP) — The U.S. military says 14 Americans have been killed in a series of helicopter crashes in Afghanistan.

A U.S. statement says seven U.S. troopers and three U.S. civilians working for the government died when their helicopter went down early today in western Afghanistan.

Twelve Americans and 14 Afghans were injured.

Also today, two U.S. helicopters collided in southern Afghanistan, killing four American troops and wounding two others.

U.S. authorities have ruled out hostile fire in the collision but have not given a cause for the other crash.

'PENNSYLVANIA CASH 5'

HARRISBURG (AP) — Two players matched all five winning numbers drawn in Sunday's "Pennsylvania Cash 5" game and will each receive $415,033.

Lottery officials said 132 players matched four numbers and won $308.50 each; 5,366 players matched three numbers and won $12.50 each; and 67,279 players matched two numbers and won $1 each.

The winning numbers drawn Sunday in the "Pennsylvania Cash 5" game were: 1-15-29-32-35

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NIGHT PICK BIG 4:	3-4-5-9
QUINTO:	5-3-8-1-1
QUINTO:	3-3-1-6-1
TREASURE HUNT:	1-3-5-6-17
CASH 5:	2-7-12-24-43
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2009

DAY/NIGHT PICK 3:	0-9-9 0-0-4
DAY PICK BIG 4:	8-8-0-4
NIGHT PICK BIG 4:	1-3-4-0
QUINTO:	8-1-0-9-8
QUINTO:	8-6-9-9-9
TREASURE HUNT:	11-18-24-25-28
CASH 5:	1-15-29-32-35

OHIO DAILY NUMBERS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2009

DAY PICK 3:	4-8-0
NIGHT PICK 3:	8-1-5
DAY PICK 4:	6-9-6-4
NIGHT PICK 4:	4-4-1-7
ROLLING CASH 5:	16-21-24-26-33
CLASSIC LOTTO:	10-13-39-40-43-49

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2009

DAILY 3:	9-3-3
DAILY 4:	3-9-7-3
HOT LOTTO:	11-27-29-35-37 HB 8

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OUR OPINION

Falling down on the job

PENNSYLVANIA AUDITOR General Jack Wagner didn't find evidence of crimes. But his conclusion that state officials who allowed $382 million in computer-services contracts to grow to $592 million over four years "fell down on the job" nevertheless deservedly indicts Harrisburg business-as-usual in the court of public opinion.

Deloitte Consulting — whose PAC and employees have given Gov. Ed Rendell $29,000 in campaign contributions since 2001 — received 42 of its 59 contracts without bidding competitively. Routine approval of change orders swelled costs. Yet General Services Secretary James Creedon, Deloitte and Rendell have the gall to defend all this.

Creedon denies any unethical behavior — a matter that Wagner's leaving up to the state Ethics Commission. Deloitte — which also received $2.25 million in grants to help it fulfill the contracts — is "proud" of the "savings" it provided.

Rendell? He's "never been influenced by campaign contributions" and says no-bid contracts "reward superior performance."

So inured are they to back-scratching mismanagement of public funds that they ignore — or can't detect — this financial fiasco's stench. Thank goodness Wagner — and taxpayers — still recognize that Harrisburg "perfume" for the noxious cloud that it is.

Do you agree? Do you disagree? The Valley Independent wants to hear from you. E-mail us at valleyletters@tribweb. com or write a letter to the editor. Include your phone number to allow for verification. Please limit letters to 350 words. We reserve the right to edit.

ANOTHER VIEW

Lexington (Ky.) Herald-Leader, on health care reform and the public option:

Health insurance for all: That's not too much to expect in the world's richest nation. Nor is it too much to expect of Congress, which desperately needs to shed its image of intransigence and incompetence.

The bill that cleared the Senate Finance Committee last week would leave an estimated 17 million citizens and legal residents uninsured. Eight million illegal residents would also remain uninsured. ...

But it's not good enough. Universal coverage is the fundamental requisite for health care reform. Aside from the moral imperative, economics demands covering everyone.

Insurance is sharing risk. The more people who are sharing the risk, especially the more young and healthy people who don't need a lot of expensive care, the lower the cost for everyone. ...

The Baucus plan does some good things, including requiring insurance companies to sell all customers the same policy and ending industry practices that deny care for spurious reasons.

It falls short in holding down insurance costs because there's no public option to compete with private insurers.

... It seems to us, though, that the public option is a more streamlined way to achieve reform's goals than a new bureaucracy to police 50 state insurance markets to be sure that insurers aren't illegally denying coverage and cherry-picking customers.

A self-supporting public option would keep insurers honest by injecting real competition into the market. This would help make universal coverage affordable, while insurers would profit from an influx of millions of new customers.

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Bankers & bureaucrats

Rich **LOWRY**

Members of AIG's financial-products unit should take heart. Yes, Obama administration pay czar Kenneth Feinberg is coming down on them with the awesome power of his czardom, dictating that their pay not exceed $200,000 a year. In Wall Street terms, this is so draconian, they might as well be forced to earn whatever they can get by begging on street corners and finding leftover change in pay phones.

And yet there might be compensating advantages to working for the government, as everyone does at a firm like AIG that is 80 percent owned by the feds. If the traders in the financial-products unit could organize and start a public-employee union along the lines of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, they might negotiate cushy benefits and work rules that keep them from ever having to work more than eight hours a day again — at least not without time-and-a-half.

Of course, such a unit would quickly become as nimble as the local DMV. Feinberg's compensation crackdown on the country's seven most bailed-out firms is foolhardy yet understandable. Since all employees of Bank of America and Chrysler owe their jobs to the government, Feinberg is justified in bending them to his whim. And whim is the right word — Feinberg is not omniscient enough to know what traders or executives should ideally be paid.

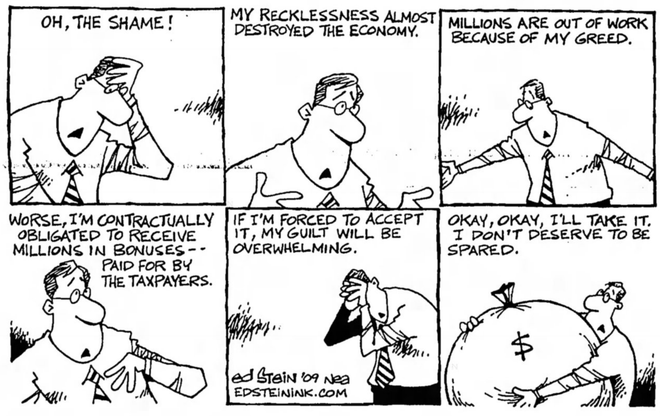
To the extent Feinberg's move isn't merely politically motivated symbolism — executives at Citigroup aren't expecting much of a hit, and one of them calls it all "a bit of a hoax" — it'll be counterproductive. The most talented employees in Feinberg's fiefdom will pick up and depart for better-compensated pastures. Banks like JPMorgan Chase and Goldman Sachs, as well as hedge funds, will reap the talent windfall.

Besides placating the aroused gods of anti-Wall Street populism, Feinberg's crackdown is motivated by the belief that out-of-control compensation rewarded recklessness and caused the financial crisis. It'd be nice if this were true. Then we could limit pay and derive not just psychic satisfaction from it — take that, Masters of the Universe! — but tell ourselves we're making the system sounder. Alas, it's not so simple.

By and large, executives didn't blow up their firms in the hopes of grabbing world-shaking bonuses and leaving; they blew up their firms because they got caught up in the bubble mentality and thought their risks weren't as dangerous as they proved. Jeffrey Friedman, the editor of Critical Review, points out that bankers were usually compensated in stock as well as bonuses, and had no interest in seeing their stock wiped out. They managed to flush it anyway.

In general, it's not a good idea to run a financial system on the basis of inflamed popular sentiment. For a while, Citigroup was saddled with an employee on track to become America's most-hated man, Andrew J. Hall. A standout in Citigroup's trading division, Hall was due a $100 million bonus after earning $2 billion for Citigroup over five years. That's a deal most any firm would want to take, but not TARPed-up Citigroup. In a senseless business decision but shrewd PR move, it simply sold off the entire trading division that had at one point been responsible for 10 percent of its net income.

All that said, it doesn't take Barney Frank to find it unseemly that Goldman Sachs and others are already back to boom-time levels of compensation. Things wouldn't look so cheery at firms like Goldman if it weren't for all the direct and indirect government aid. The Economist writes: "They got public capital (much of it now repaid), short-selling bans on their shares and rescues of counterparties. ... Today they enjoy laxer accounting, loose collateral rules at central banks, explicit debt guarantees and asset-purchasing schemes. And, critically, they can borrow cheaply because they are deemed too big to fail."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Obama attacks Constitution

Nat **HENTOFF**

While battling the FBI's expanded surveillance guidelines, Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., also revealed (Daily Kos, Oct. 8) that in the Senate Judiciary Committee review of the Patriot Act (also Oct. 8), Republicans protecting the Act were joined, in a closed-door classified session, by Obama officials with amendments further preserving it. Then, in a public session, all but three Democrats voted for a watered-down "compromise" bill by Patrick Leahy and Diane Feinstein.

Feingold, Dick Durbin, D-Ill., and new Democrat Arlen Specter (Pa.) had the constitutional courage to oppose the Judiciary Committee bill eventually going to the floor that with few exceptions, leaves the Patriot Act intact. I'll be reporting on the crucial fight to bring the Bill of Rights back into the Patriot Act as Senate and House versions merge into a law to be signed by Obama as he continues the Bush-Cheney legacy.

It was Feingold who, in October 2001, was the only member of the Senate to vote against the original Patriot Act as, on the floor, he accurately predicted our greatly weakened privacy, due process and other rights since then.

He is not giving up. "In the end," Feingold says. "Democrats have to decide if they are going to stand up for the rights of the American people" or (for recent example) "allow the FBI to write our laws."

As I have reported, the FBI is already writing our laws — without going to any judge. How much have you seen about the FBI's locking up of the Fourth Amendment on cable and broadcast television (from the right- or the left-leaning stations) in newspapers, on the Internet or, of course, from the Democratic Congressional leadership, Harry Reid and Nancy Pelosi, characteristically indifferent to the Bush-Cheney-Obama assaults on the Bill of Rights?

As James Madison warned, "A people who mean to be their own governors must arm themselves with the power knowledge gives."

When were the first FBI guidelines on domestic surveillance and why? In the 1970s, Sen. Frank Church of Idaho, chairman of a Senate Committee on Intelligence Activities, exposed FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover's COINTELPRO (Counterintelligence Program) as an omnivorous surveillance operation that aimed squarely at preventing Americans "exercise of First Amendment rights of speech and association."

If Big Brother is always watching you, you become careful of what you say and with whom you associate.

The Church committee's revelations resulted in the then-attorney general, Edward Levi (a former professor of constitutional law), and Congressman Don Edwards formulating the first FBI guidelines specifically faithful to the Constitution.

When I was reporting on Edwards' congressional service (1962 to 1995), I often described him as the "The Congressman from the Constitution." As chairman of the House Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights, Edwards, a former FBI agent, set standards for congressional oversight of the FBI.

Under Presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama, these standards have become obsolete.

I commend to every member of Congress and their constituents what Edwards said in 1975 about the Church committee's newly disclosed unbounded, warrantless standards of FBI surveillance of Americans who might "threaten" national security. And compare the Don Edwards' definition of fundamental American civil liberties with those of present Attorney General Eric Holder and FBI Director Robert Mueller — and their astonishingly permissive standards of FBI accountability.

"No federal agency," said Congressman Edwards, "the CIA, the IRS, or the FBI, can be at the same time policeman, prosecutor, judge and jury. That is what constitutionally guaranteed due process is all about. It may sometimes be disorderly and unsatisfactory to some, but it is the essence of freedom."

The Constitution, Edwards continued, does not permit "federal interference" with Americans' speech or associations, and other such citizen constitutional rights, "except through the criminal justice system, armed with its ancient safeguards." Like mandated judicial supervision — absent from current Obama administration FBI surveillance guidelines.

Edwards regarded as "subversive" the "notion that any public official — the president or a policeman — possesses a kind of inherent power to set aside the Constitution whenever he thinks the public interest, or 'national security' warrants it."

NATIONAL NEWS

N.J. town laments slain priest, accused janitor

'I don't think this town will ever get over this," said one resident of Chatham, N.J.

By VICTOR EPSTEIN
Associated Press Writer

CHATHAM, N.J. — An arrest in the fatal stabbing of a beloved priest has brought little solace to an affluent Roman Catholic parish in this tiny northern New Jersey community.

Authorities say longtime church janitor Jose Feliciano stabbed the Rev. Ed Hinds 32 times with a kitchen knife after an argument in the rectory of St. Patrick's Church on Thursday.

Parishioners and residents said his arrest represents a second blow to the community.

The arrest Saturday came a day after the body of the 64-year-old priest was discovered in the rectory kitchen.

"It's just not believable," said parishioner Dan Langborgh, 47, who lives across the street from the church. "Jose is a very nice guy who has been around for many years. He's the last person I would have suspected."

"It's so sad," added parishioner Pat Patello, 52. "I don't think this town will ever get over this."

Morris County Prosecutor Robert Bianchi said Feliciano had worked at the church for 17 years.

His son graduated from the church school, which runs from kindergarten through eighth grade, and his daughter is a student there.

Bianchi said investigators found the priest's cell phone, bloody clothing and bloody towels at Feliciano's home in Easton, Pa., about 45 miles west of Chatham.

Parishioner Michael Marotta, 47, said he would not have hesitated to leave his three children in the care of either Hinds or Feliciano, whom he described as caring, quiet, hardworking men. Marotta, whose 10-year-old son is enrolled at St. Patrick's School, said Feliciano lived in a home next to the church until a few years ago.

"Everyone loses in this," said Marotta, who lives down the street from the church. "The church, the broader Chatham community and the Hinds and Feliciano families. It's disheartening."

Authorities said Feliciano and another man went looking for the priest, known to parishioners as "Father Ed," after he failed to show up for 8 a.m. Mass on Friday. Bianchi said Feliciano was performing CPR on the body when officers arrived and his halfhearted attempts struck them as suspicious.

The priest, dressed in his clerical robes, had wounds on his upper torso, the back of his body and his head that were created by a kitchen knife, officials said. Hinds also had defensive wounds on his hands and face, Bianchi said. An autopsy determined the cause of death was severe trauma.

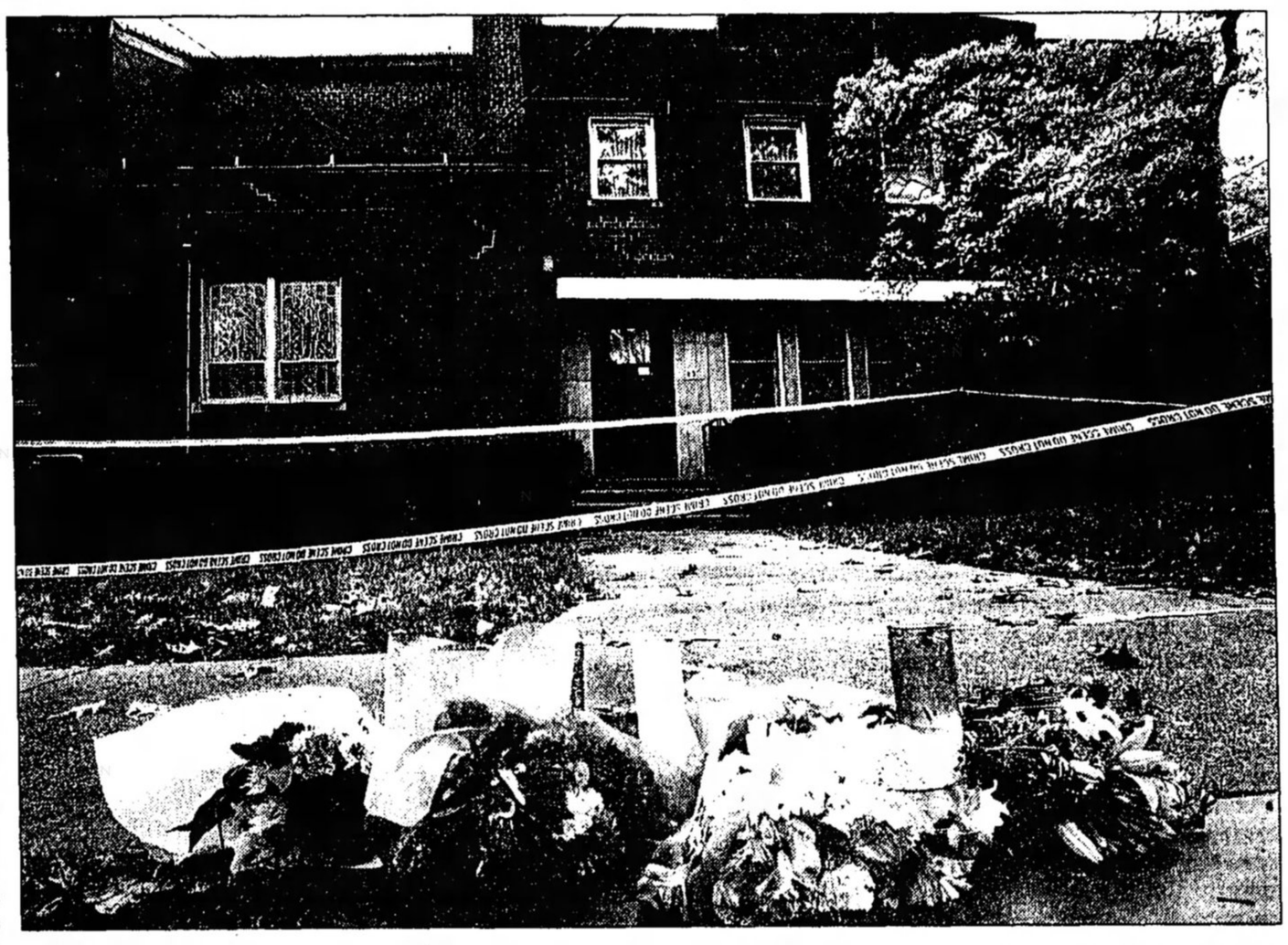
The slaying rocked the New York City bedroom community of about 10,000 residents, where the last violent death occurred in 1990. The median family income is $132,000 and authorities and residents had initially suspected that Hinds died at the hands of a needy outsider who had come to him for help.

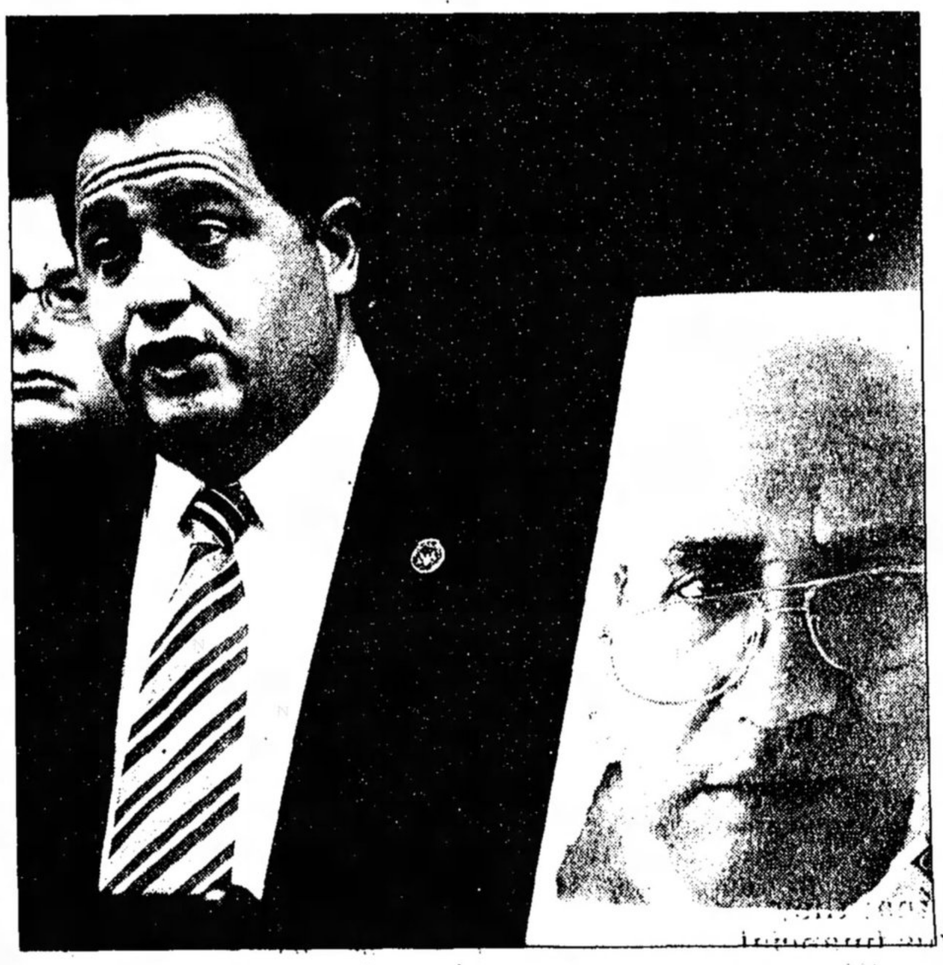
"Everyone thought it was an outsider because Father Hinds always opened the church to the needy," Langborgh said.

Parishioners learned of Feliciano's arrest Saturday near the end of 5 p.m. Mass.

Parishioner Juliette Peros told the Star Ledger of Newark that several people cried when the announcement was made and a woman seated behind her yelled "Jose! No, Jose!"

Hinds, who was born in nearby Morristown, had been the church pastor since 2003.





ABOVE - Flowers lie outside St. Patrick's Church in Chatham, N.J. The church's pastor, Rev. Ed Hinds, was found dead Friday after being stabbed 32 times the previous day.

LEFT - Morris County, N.J., Prosecutor Robert Bianchi holds up a photo of Jose Feliciano, of Easton, Pa., who is being held in connection with the death of the Rev. Ed Hinds, pastor of St. Patrick's Church in Chatham, N.J.

Associated Press Photos

Cell phone video shows police beating student

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — A cell phone video that shows police officers repeatedly hitting an unarmed university student with batons and a Taser gun has prompted a criminal investigation into the officers' conduct, a San Jose police spokesman said.

The video, posted by the *San Jose Mercury News* on its Web site late Saturday, shows one officer hitting 20-year-old Vietnamese student Phuong Ho with a metal baton more than 10 times, including once on the head. Another officer is seen using his Taser gun on the San Jose State math major.

The final baton strike in last month's incident appears to take place after handcuffs have been attached to Ho's wrists.

"It takes me back to the day I saw the Rodney King video on TV," said Roger Clark, a police expert and a retired lieutenant with the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department.

The last baton strike ought to bring a felony charge, Clark said.

Officers arrested Ho on suspicion of assaulting one of his roommates. He was not armed when police arrived and he told the newspaper he didn't resist arrest.

The confrontation began Sept. 3 when Ho's roommate, Jeremy Suftin, put soap on Ho's steak. The two scuffled, and Ho picked up a steak knife, saying that in his home country he would have killed Suftin for doing what he did.

Police were called, and four officers responded.

Officer Kenneth Siegel encountered Ho in the hallway, but couldn't understand the student's accent, police reports said. Ho then ignored a police command to stand still, reports said.

When Ho tried to follow Siegel into his room, officer Steven Payne Jr. moved to handcuff Ho. Payne wrote in his report that he pushed the student into a wall and then forced him to the floor when he resisted being handcuffed.

Ho, who weighs more than 200 lbs., said his glasses fell off. As he went to pick them up, the officers struck him, he said.

Another one of Ho's roommates, Dimitri Masouris, captured the events on his cell phone.

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POLITICAL NEWS

Oregon gov candidate campaigns on Segway

Personal transporter helps him deal with the effects of multiple sclerosis.

By BRAD CAIN
Associated Press Writer

SALEM, Ore. — Bill Bradbury isn't just running for Oregon governor. He's zipping — on a Segway.

Using the personal transporter is one way the Democratic politician deals with the effects of multiple sclerosis. He was diagnosed with the disease 30 years ago, but that hasn't stopped him from becoming one of the most exuberant and popular figures on Oregon's political scene.

Tall and lanky, he glides into campaign events on his electric standup vehicle, his booming laugh often heralding his arrival.

The disease has affected his physical skills, he says, but not his mental abilities or his capacity to govern.

"I get energized by the challenge of this campaign," he says. "I really feel like the disability doesn't interfere with my ability to serve the people of this state."

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society in New York says Bradbury is the only candidate with MS running for a statewide office in 2010 that it knows of. Spokeswoman Arney Rosenblat said the group is delighted Bradbury deals openly with his condition.

"He certainly is a role model, particularly for people who are newly diagnosed with MS and may be uncertain about their future," Rosenblat says. "It's important for them to see that they can fulfill their potential and pursue their dreams."

She notes that Bradbury isn't the only officeholder with MS to achieve prominence, citing two former members of Congress, Sen. Paul Wellstone of Minnesota and Rep. Barbara Jordan of Texas. A current member of Congress, Rep. Mary Jo Kilroy of Ohio, was diagnosed with the disease in 2003.

Multiple sclerosis is an autoimmune disease that affects the brain and spinal cord. Symptoms range from reduced mobility and numbness to blindness and paralysis.

Mentally, Bradbury is sharp, but physically, the MS has taken a toll. He has a noticeable limp and unsteady gait, and he tires after standing or walking for too long. Over the years, he's taken to using a sit-down scooter and cane. He began using the Segway a few weeks ago.

"There's been a slow progression in my disease, but I stay pretty loudmouthed and active," he says.

The story line from the popular TV series "The West Wing" doesn't apply in Bradbury's case. Unlike the fictional President Josiah Bartlet, played by Martin Sheen from 1999 to 2006, Bradbury hasn't hidden the MS. He went public in 1983 at a Labor Day picnic on Oregon's south coast.

Organizers asked Bradbury, then a state legislator, to make a few remarks, and he appeared wobbly as he walked to the stage. He then took the microphone and told people about his disease.

"I decided it probably would be better for people to know I had a disability rather than thinking I was drunk," he says.

Since then, MS has not been an issue in his campaigns.

He says questions about his health are valid, but he insists the disease won't affect his ability to govern.

Bradbury has his work cut out for him in the race to succeed Gov. Ted Kulongoski.

John Kitzhaber, governor from 1995-2003, is widely regarded as the favorite to win May's Democratic primary.

Kitzhaber and Bradbury are longtime friends, serving together in the Oregon Legislature from the early 1980s. Kitzhaber appointed Bradbury as Oregon secretary of state in 1999.

Despite the friendship, Bradbury makes it plain that at age 60, he considers this his best shot at an open governor's seat and that he's as qualified as anyone to be governor.

Since announcing for the office a few weeks ago, Bradbury has kept up a steady stream of campaign appearances. He says it takes planning to pace himself and not get overtired.

"I work pretty hard to manage the disease, with a low-saturated-fat diet and acupuncture," he says.

Associated Press

Oregon gubernatorial candidate Bill Bradbury gets around Portland State University on his Segway personal transporter. Being diagnosed with multiple sclerosis 30 years ago hasn't stopped the Democratic politician from becoming one of the most exuberant and popular figures on Oregon's political scene.

Florida governor's hug of president lingers in campaign

Some believe Gov. Charlie Crist's Senate campaign is in trouble because he decided to embrace Obama back in February.

By BRENDAN FARRINGTON
AP Political Writer

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Republican Gov. Charlie Crist probably wasn't worried that literally embracing President Barack Obama back in February and strongly supporting the $787 billion federal stimulus package would hurt his U.S. Senate campaign.

Sure, the hardcore party base wasn't happy, but the appearance was an opportunity to win over Democrats, independents and moderate Republicans who voted for Obama.

The president's approval ratings were high, and any Republican thinking about running for an open seat in 2010 stopped thinking about it when Crist signaled interest.

All except former House Speaker Marco Rubio. Political insiders said it wasn't logical to challenge an incumbent governor who had high approval ratings and could raise gobs of money. However, Rubio said it didn't make sense for the highest-profile Republican in Florida to embrace a Democratic president and a plan that would raise the federal deficit.

Now Rubio is gaining momentum as he reminds Republican voters of Crist's hug. And the same political insiders who downplayed Rubio are starting to think the unthinkable: Crist's campaign might be threatened by another Republican.

"I just knew that if we were true to ourselves and what we stand for, and we went out and told enough people about it, that we would begin to make progress and that's what's happening," Rubio said.

Rubio has swept 12 straw polls held by county Republican committees by enormous percentages. He nearly tripled his fundraising last quarter, topping the $1 million mark to provide a financial and psychological boost to his campaign.

Conservative radio talk show hosts adore him, as well as party activists.

He's been praised by conservative columnist George Will and endorsed by former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee and Sens. James Inhofe, R-Okla., and Jim DeMint, R-S.C..

In two months, Crist's lead over Rubio in a Quinnipiac University poll shrunk from 29 percentage points to 15 points. Although it still doesn't mean Crist is in trouble.

"There's nothing to celebrate," Rubio said. "The truth is we're still behind. The only good news is we're not behind by as much as we used to be."

Rubio's rise is probably about to get more difficult as Crist pays more attention to him and to the race itself.

"Charlie really hasn't done much campaigning other than the fundraising, and Marco's been out there beating the bushes for it. I think that's why you're seeing this in the poll numbers. I don't see this as a great rejection of our governor," said Jamie Miller, a Florida-based Republican strategist.

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Ensign resignation could trigger a political scramble in Nevada

Republican senator dogged by ethics and sexual allegations.

By SANDRA CHEREB
Associated Press Writer

CARSON CITY, Nev. (AP) — Sen. John Ensign, dogged by ethics allegations and questions about an extramarital affair with a former aide, has vowed not to resign.

But if Nevada's junior senator were to leave office, voluntarily or otherwise, the timing of his departure could set up a dizzying candidate shuffle and help determine Republican chances of retaining the seat.

Once viewed as a rising star of the conservative right with presidential potential, Ensign confessed in June to having an affair with campaign staffer, Cindy Hampton, the wife of a top aide in his Senate office.

Since then, revelations of nearly $100,000 paid to the couple by Ensign's parents and claims by Doug Hampton, his mistress' husband, that Ensign improperly set him up in a lobbying job have led to a preliminary ethics inquiry and a request for a Justice Department criminal probe.

Ensign isn't up for reelection until 2012 and there's no movement afoot to oust him from the seat before then. But an earlier exit could have a domino effect going into next November's general election and beyond as candidates jockey for position or rethink their aspirations.

"We're in unchartered territory, we don't do this very often," said Fred Lokken, political scientist at Truckee Meadows Community College in Reno.

"Timing will be everything."

If he stepped down before the close of candidate filings in March 2010, his seat would be subject to an open casting call heading into Nevada's June primary election.

If he were to resign after the filing deadline, state Republican and Democratic central committees would nominate candidates to appear on the November ballot. Election officials were researching how the scenario would apply to minor political parties.

In either instance, Republican Gov. Jim Gibbons could appoint a temporary replacement to fill the void and ensure that Nevada gets its two votes in the Senate during the interim.

Such an appointment could be an advantage going into the November election, said David Damore, a political scientist at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

"It would obviously depend on who the appointee is," Damore said. Someone perceived as a political lackey might be scalded by voter backlash.

Gibbons, suffering from low voter approval exacerbated by a bitter, public divorce and accusations of assault by a Las Vegas cocktail waitress, has said he won't appoint himself to Ensign's Senate seat, a move allowed by Nevada's constitution. He's also said he wouldn't appoint former U.S. District Judge Brian Sandoval, his main re-election rival in next year's GOP gubernatorial primary.

But he could change his mind if the timing is right and his own political plans don't pan out, Lokken said.

Should he lose the primary or general election and find himself a lame duck, Gibbons could conceivably appoint himself to fill the last two years of Ensign's term.

Whoever is sworn in as governor in January 2011 would appoint someone to fill out the Senate term if Ensign relinquishes his seat after then, an appointment that would give the incumbent a nearly two-year head start on retaining the seat in 2012.

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Some adults heading back to school in different role

More than a few consider returning to the classroom as teachers.

AMANDA PALLESCHI
Associated Press Writer

HARRISBURG — They shot eager arms into the air when they had questions and came with pens and pencils ready.

The 35 people who recently packed the meeting room at the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg were ready to go back to school — as teachers.

Adults of various ages and backgrounds answered radio ads for an information session given by the American Board of Certification of Teacher Excellence, a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit that offers alternative teaching certifications in nine states.

The Pennsylvania Department of Education started accepting teacher certification through the organization in 2005.

Since then, 51 teachers in the state have been certified through that program.

Recently, over 200 Pennsylvanians attended the organization's information sessions held across the state, including one in Harrisburg.

In the last three years, more than 900 teachers in the state's public schools had nontraditional, post-baccalaureate teacher certification.

In addition to accepting the American Board of Certification of Teacher Excellence's program, Pennsylvania has its older Teacher Intern Certification program.

Nationwide, alternative certification is on the rise. In the 2007-08 school year, 62,000 teachers in the U.S. took the road less traveled to the classroom, according to the National Center for Education Information.

The certificate offered through the American Board of Certification of Teacher Excellence is one of many ways that anyone with a bachelor's degree, the desire to teach and preferably some subject-matter expertise can become a teacher nationwide and in Pennsylvania.

With more teachers reaching retirement age, dwindling numbers of people going into math and science education, and more professions earning the reputation as non-recession-proof in a down economy, lawmakers and nonprofits are ramping up efforts to fast-track educated mid-career professionals to the front of classrooms.

The programs differ in cost and requirements, but all aim to offer professionals who are either out of work or who want to switch careers a less costly way to earn teacher certification.

In June, Gov. Ed Rendell asked the Legislature to create a fast-track "residency" program for mid-career, skilled professionals in math- and science-related fields, citing a state shortage of math and science teachers.

If such legislation were to come to fruition, it would help struggling urban districts such as Harrisburg, Superintendent Gerald Kohn said.

"We'd be helped out quite a bit if there were more people going into education," he said.

The state began heavily promoting its Teacher Intern Program in 1983, which opens the teaching profession to people with a bachelor's degree who take up to 40 credits of education courses through graduate programs or post-baccalaureate classes. Thirty-seven Pennsylvania colleges and universities offer that program.

The National Center for Alternative Education, a clearinghouse for alternative certification programs in the U.S., calls Pennsylvania an interesting state when it comes to alternative routes for teachers.

Emily Feistritzer, the president of the center, said that although the state has gone through periods of heavily promoting certain programs, it isn't considered a big player in the field.

Pennsylvania "has so many colleges producing teachers, there are far more people being trained in this state than there are jobs available for them," she said.

Amber Canidy, a representative of the American Board of Certification of Teacher Excellence, cautioned attendees that just because alternative certification was cheaper and potentially less time-consuming than the traditional way of earning a teaching certification — a bachelor's or master's degree in education — it wasn't to be taken lightly. Only 40 percent of test-takers pass on their first try, she said.

Though representatives from the organization said the numbers attending informational sessions had increased thanks to the recession, many of the attendees had steady jobs elsewhere but a nagging desire to teach.

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STATE NEWS

Federal judge from state still going strong at 95

Senior Judge Malcolm Muir has spent about a third of his life on the federal bench.

By R. A. WALKER
Associated Press Writer

WILLIAMSPORT — On Tuesday, Oct. 20, U.S. District Senior Judge Malcolm Muir turned 95.

About a third of those years have been spent as a federal judge, a job he continues to do to this day.

And it's been a long, full life so far for the dentist's son whose earliest recollection is the sound of church bells and sirens.

He was 4 years old and asked his mother for an explanation. "She said the war was over," he recalled, "and your daddy wouldn't have to go.'"

The date was Nov. 11, 1918. World War I — the war to end all wars — had ended, and two decades later, Muir — by then a successful Williamsport attorney — would go off to a second world war.

The family lived in Englewood, N.J., when Malcolm entered this world, the son of a dentist who soon after moved his practice to Williamsport, about 60 miles north of Harrisburg and south of the New York border.

Along with the home where the bells and sirens caught the boy's attention, the Muirs would move two more times during his childhood to other homes in Williamsport.

The world changed dramatically during Young Malcolm's school years. Movies began to talk. The Great Depression shattered millions of lives.

He remembers going to see his first sound movie. The actors were silent, he recalled, but there was background music. Muir said he no longer recalls the title or the names of the actors because bigger things were happening.

He remembers clearly learning about the collapse of the stock market while visiting the home of a friend whose father was a company treasurer.

Rich called the two of them into the living room to explain the news. "I think it's going to have extremely serious consequences," Muir recalled him saying.

Banks were failing while Muir was a student at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, about 100 miles southeast of Williamsport and 50 miles north of Philadelphia. As a safeguard, he withdrew half of what he had in his small account at a bank near the college and sent the money home for safekeeping after learning his father's bank had failed.

Young Muir was unsure of his future during most of his stay a Lehigh. He waited until his senior year to select law as a career and applied for admission to the law school at Harvard University.

He made it into Harvard and survived to earn a degree but was disappointed by his grades.

It was a very hard curriculum, he recalled. "I didn't do well."

According to Muir, Harvard's law school had a tradition at the time of flunking about a third of its students, and each incoming class was reminded that many of them would not last.

Of Muir and his five original roommates, only two of them survived.

Muir said he "barely got through." The other, John F. Kennedy's future postmaster general, James Edward Day, did much better, he added.

After Harvard, the young lawyer returned home and began practicing law. He married the former Alma Brohard and they raised five children in Muncy, about 15 miles east of Williamsport, where the couple lived until the 1980s. Mrs. Muir passed away in 1985.

In December 1941, the Muirs were living in a city apartment when war arrived. Muir recalled getting the news of the Japanese attack by telephone and having to ask a fellow attorney and friend where Pearl Harbor was located.

Muir joined the Navy in 1942 and went off to the war effort. His first son arrived soon afterward.

Following the war, Muir returned and resumed his law career.

"I worked extremely hard," he said, describing a typical work day as beginning with his arrival at his city law office about 4:30 a.m. and lasting until 5 p.m.

Muir said the family had a "fine home" in Muncy — a home which until about 1963 had no television set. Like many parents, the Muirs were concerned television would distract the children from healthier activities such as studying.

One day, a law partner asked one of Muir's sons what his favorite program was, and learned the boy didn't have a set to watch it on.

A television finally invaded the Muir household after Muir's colleague gave the family a set.

As the years passed, culture changes continued to reshape the world at large, but Muir's world remained constant.

He watched the 1960s come and go and didn't take as seriously the cultural changes that occurred. "It didn't impact the way I lived or my family lived," he said.

In the 1970s, President Richard Nixon appointed him a U.S. District Judge — a job he had long set as his ultimate career goal.

During a 2008 interview, Muir said he couldn't imagine any better job and described serving as a senior judge as exactly what he wants as his years advance.

Being a judge, he said, is what he enjoys doing most.

Muir said he is concerned about what is happening in the world, but he respectfully leaves what to do about issues such as the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan "up to the president."

Muir said he believes President Barack Obama has "done a fine job" to date, "given the circumstances."

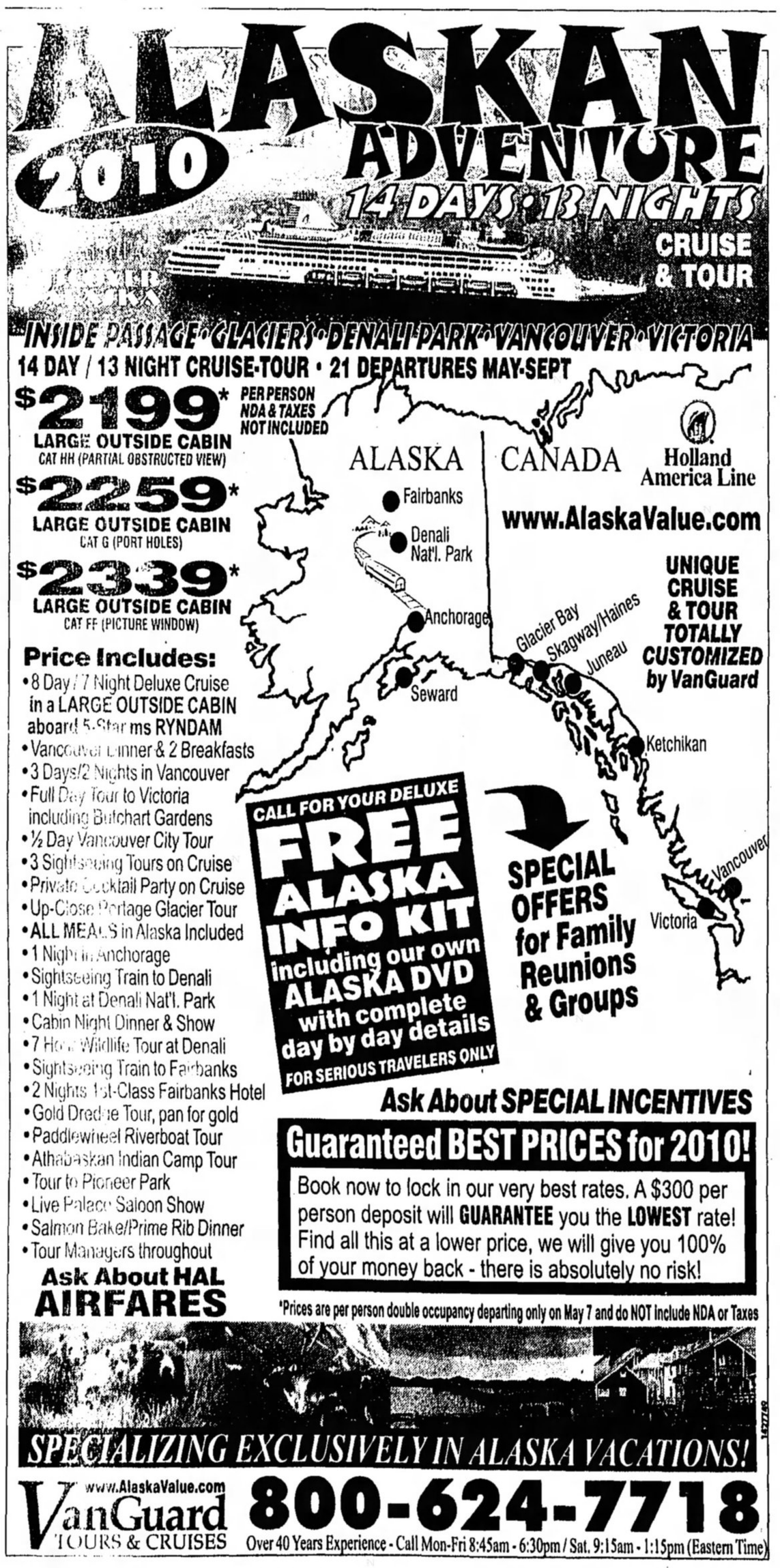
Once a registered Republican, Muir switched to "nonpartisan" when President Ronald Reagan made a series of judicial appointments for reasons with which he disagreed.

Muir has his own personal slant on life; and his greatest influence, he said when pressed, was a piano teacher with broad interests named Harold Pries.

"I learned dedication" from him, he said, describing dedication as working hard and doing your best at "whatever work you're doing."

Associated Press

U.S. District Senior Judge Malcolm Muir leads a group of new U.S. citizens in the oath of allegiance during a naturalization ceremony at the U.S. Courthouse and Federal Office Building in Williamsport, Pa. Appointed to the federal bench by President Richard Nixon, Muir, who turned 95 last Tuesday, said serving as a senior judge is exactly what he wants to do as his years advance.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Reporter subpoenaed in probe into leak from state grand jury

By The Associated Press

ALLENTOWN — An eastern Pennsylvania reporter has been subpoenaed in an investigation into whether grand jury secrecy rules were violated during a probe of a former casino owner.

Allegations of grand jury leaks were made in the probe into former Mount Airy Casino Resort owner Louis DeNaples, and his attorneys had sought information from 15 Pennsylvania journalists from six news organizations, including The Associated Press.

Prosecutors later withdrew perjury charges against DeNaples.

The state Supreme Court ordered a special prosecutor named to investigate.

Matt Birkbeck, a reporter for *The Morning Call* in Allentown, has been ordered to appear Thursday about phone conversations he had with three law enforcement officials involved in the DeNaples probe.

David M. Erdman, the paper's editor and vice president, said nothing that violated any grand jury secrecy had been published.

Birkbeck declined comment and newspaper attorney Gayle Sproul said the subpoena was still being evaluated.

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Arrest made in restaurant fatal shooting

By The Associated Press

WEST HOMESTEAD — An arrest has been made in a fatal 2008 shooting at a Pittsburgh-area restaurant.

Police say 21-year-old Brandon Jeffrey Johnson has been charged in the slaying of 19-year-old Brian Lee of West Mifflin at the Damon's Restaurant in West Homestead.

Johnson has been charged with homicide, aggravated assault, robbery and weapons charges in the July 13, 2008, slaying.

He was arrested late Saturday and police expect to file more charges.

POLITICAL NEWS

Young Pittsburgh mayor facing independent opponents

Sons of ex-con, football Hall of Famer challenging Mayor Luke Ravenstahl.

By The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — The son of an ex-convict and the son of a Super Bowl Hall of Famer are challenging Pittsburgh's mayor in next month's general election.

And with all three men between the ages of 29 and 33, the race has the perfect ingredients for a robust, engaging political contest.

Or maybe not.

The race between incumbent Democrat Luke Ravenstahl, 29, and challengers Kevin Acklin, 33, and Franco "Dok" Harris, 30, both independents, has been marked by little visible campaigning and virtually no interest from the public.

Even the relatively youthful age and appearance of the candidates in a city with one of the oldest populations in the country is doing little to generate excitement.

"We spent two days focusing on a boy that wasn't even in a balloon and we don't see anything about things that really hit people," said Harris, referring to the 6-year-old Colorado boy involved in what police say was a hoax that recently captivated millions live on TV.

"The mindset is that this race doesn't matter, your vote doesn't matter, just sit at home, and that's really scary," said Harris, son of Steelers great Franco Harris, who works for his father's nutritious baked goods company.

Ravenstahl

For Pittsburgh, however, the stakes in the Nov. 3 election couldn't be higher.

■ Ravenstahl inherited the job from his predecessor when he died of brain cancer just months into his first year in office. The former college football star is running for his first full term.

■ The city is considered financially distressed by the state. While it is operating in surplus at the moment, economists say it is not sustainable, especially since only 30 percent of city pensions are funded, one of the worst situations nationwide for a large metropolitan area.

■ Pittsburgh has, so far, weathered the recession relatively well, but recent numbers show unemployment is rising and a city that never enjoyed the boom cannot afford to bust.

■ The region has made progress in replacing its once powerful steel industry with a diverse economy that includes education, health care and a variety of "green" businesses — as was noted extensively in September when Pittsburgh hosted the Group of 20 global economic summit. However, Pittsburgh has to work hard to remain competitive.

Despite these and other long-term issues, including a decreasing and rapidly aging population, some residents say they won't vote.

"I don't care because every time you vote, everything stays the same," said Preston Harris, a 63-year-old retired construction worker who said he is looking for a job to supplement his income and can't find one.

Ravenstahl doesn't care about the "common people," he says, but there's no one different.

Kerry Donahue, a 27-year-old who works in marketing and lives in the city's Friendship neighborhood, plans to vote but thinks Ravenstahl will win easily.

"People in Pittsburgh are going to vote Democrat regardless," said Donahue, who declined to say who she supports.

A slew of positive media attention generated by the G-20 summit helps.

And Pittsburgh also hasn't elected a GOP mayor since the Great Depression; registered Democrats outnumber Republicans here 5-to-1.

Splitting the opposition vote also makes it easier for the incumbent, said Joseph Sabino Mistick, a Duquesne law professor and top aide to former Mayor Sophie Masloff. "I don't think we're going to be overrun with voters who are excited about visiting the polls," he said.

Harris

Still, Harris and Acklin have been campaigning door-to-door in some of the city's most hard-scrabble areas, hoping votes from disadvantaged communities will help oust Ravenstahl.

Many are the same communities, though, that helped Ravenstahl win the Democratic primary in May.

The three candidates are also running TV ads. One of Ravenstahl's show the mayor driving around the city, talking about its recent successes and stressing his efforts to put more police on the streets and create jobs.

Harris and Acklin are also focusing on safety issues, the public school system — which has long struggled with declining enrollment and plummeting standards — job creation and the city's finances.

Acklin, an attorney, draws inspiration from his childhood, when his mother struggled to raise him and his siblings while his father was in prison for armed robbery.

"There are four-five neighborhoods that are bearing their unfair share of violent crimes," he added, noting that when he campaigned in the Garfield neighborhood a 13-year-old boy answered the door with a wad of cash in his hand because he thought he was there to buy drugs.

The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette's editorial board, which has often criticized Ravenstahl and backed City Council member Patrick Dowd in the May Democratic primary, endorsed the incumbent this time.

The newspaper cited a "weak field of candidates" and what they called the mayor's ability to surround himself with capable people.

The three candidates have had two televised debates, the most recent of which turned contentious after Acklin accused Ravenstahl of having inappropriate ties to a powerful local businessman.

Ravenstahl denied any improprieties.

Acklin

Ravenstahl declined to be interviewed for this story, the first time he has turned down such a request in recent years. Campaign manager Paul McKrell declined to give a reason, saying "I didn't ask."

The mayor's opponents say the residents they are talking to have similar concerns: Ravenstahl only shows up in hard-hit areas when TV cameras are around; more needs to be done to attract jobs, and there is too much old-school politicking in the current administration.

"I don't doubt that the challengers are hearing a lot of unhappiness about the current administration," Mistick said.

"I think there is a lot of unhappiness. But that is a long way from turning an incumbent out," he added.

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Monessen resident George Burroughs, president of the local NAACP chapter, offers remarks.

Sheron Clark, of the Pittsburgh Commission on Human Relations, served as keynote speaker.

Mon Valley NAACP stages annual banquet

(Continued from Page 1A)

2010 Performing Arts Award - Bylly Tarver, Monessen High School.

Two students received Mon Valley NAACP scholarships to Cal U:

- Brittany Watkins, California Area High School.
- Brian Miller, Ringgold High School.

The branch honored the following:

- Humanitarian Service Award - The Rev. William C. Bass Sr.
- 2009 Community Service Award - Terry McCullough.
- 2009 Appreciation Award - Westmoreland Community Action, accepted by CEO Tay Waltenbaugh.
- 2009 Volunteer of the Year Award - Mon Valley NAACP First Vice President Marguerite Johnson.

Six area churches were recognized for 100 years or more of service:

- Bethel A.M.E. Church, Monongahela.
- First Baptist Church of Donora.
- St. Paul A.M.E Church, West Newton.
- Mount Zion A.M.E. Church, Brownsville.
- Pleasant Green A.M.E. Church, Belle Vernon.
- Wayman-Quinn Chapel A.M.E. Church, Monessen.

Joe Yankovich, an aide to U.S. Rep. John P. Murtha, D-Johnstown, presented a congressional citation to the chapter.

Afterward, Mon Valley NAACP President George Burroughs said many, especially young people, do not know the history of the NAACP.

"Clark did a great job elaborating on what happened over the last 100 years," he said.

"Clark was both educational and energetic in captivating the audience," said Kenneth Harper, Cal U NAACP chapter president.

Johnson said Clark's words were inspiring.

"I definitely learned about the NAACP through Clark's reinforcement of its history tonight," Johnson said.

"I think I would join the NAACP based on what I heard," he added.

Each of the award recipients received a one-year membership in the organization.

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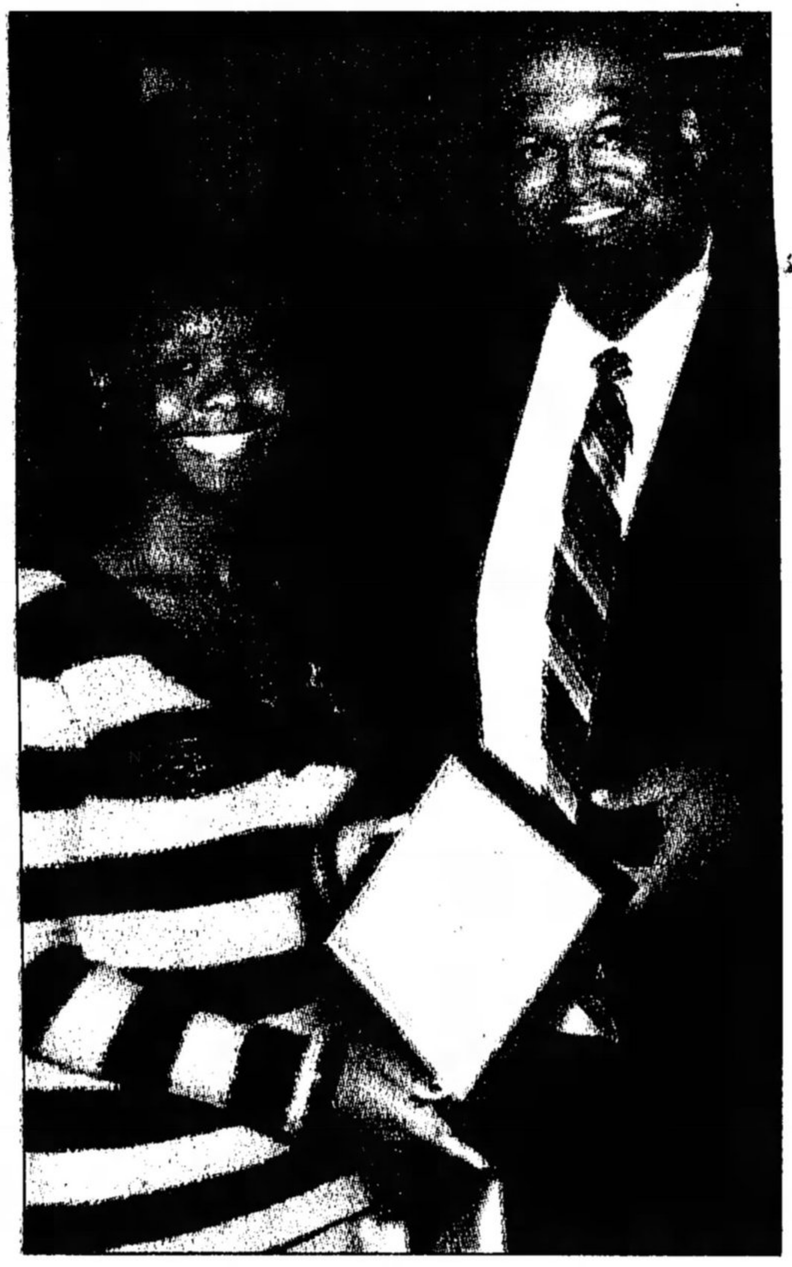
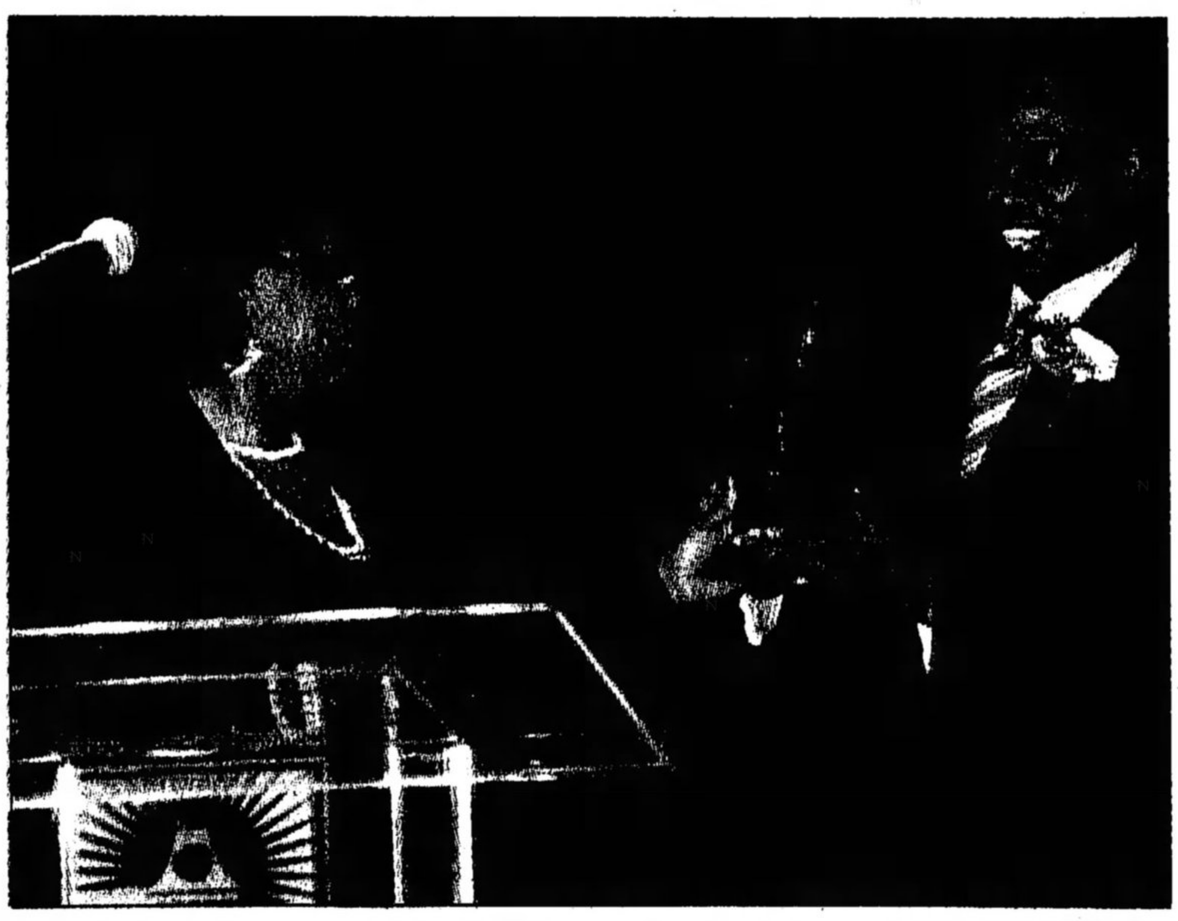


Eric Tarpley, of California University of Pennsylvania, presents a Cal U scholarship to Brittany Warkins, of California Area.

Ringgold High School students Brian Miller, left, and Cameron Johnson won student awards.

Pricedale resident Shelma Lee shows off the gift basket she won while attending the dinner.

Mon Valley NAACP President George Burroughs, left, presents 2009 Humanitarian Award to the Rev. William C. Bass Sr., of Monessen.



NAACP chapter first vice president Marguerite Johnson presents the Corporate Membership Award to Lamont Coleman of California University of Pennsylvania

Yankees in Series

The Yankees finished off the Angels Sunday to earn their 40th trip to the World Series. **2B**

Valley SPORTS

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Sports Trivia

In which year did the Steelers set a record by becoming the first AFC team to win 15 games in the regular season? **2B**

Sunday's games

New England 35, Tampa Bay 7
Houston 24, San Francisco 21
Indianapolis 42, St. Louis 6
San Diego 37, Kansas City 7
Green Bay 31, Cleveland 3
Arizona 24, N.Y. Giants 17

Steelers outfox Vikings

Two defensive TDs hand Minnesota its first loss of the season.

By ALAN ROBINSON
AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH — The Pittsburgh Steelers' defense is all about taking chances, playing risky, daring an opponent to find a way to win but only rarely allowing that to happen.

Even by the Steelers' standards, this was a huge gamble: Giving Brett Favre three chances in the second half to take control of a game that, while it's not yet midseason, was potentially pivotal for both teams.

Three chances weren't enough, even for Favre — not on a day when the Steelers reminded the rest of the NFL that there's nothing better than a defense good enough to outscore one of the league's best offenses.

The Steelers mounted one of their best goal line stands in seasons — preventing the Vikings from scoring from a few feet out in the third quarter — then scored twice on long returns created by Favre turnovers in the final 6 1/2 minutes for a 27-17 victory Sunday that ended Minnesota's unbeaten run to start the season.

"We put some good pressure on Favre, sacked him a few times, got a few turnovers and won this game," said LaMarr Woodley, who scored on a 77-yard return of Favre's fumble. "That was definitely a finish."

Not a good one for the Vikings (6-1), who couldn't get a touchdown after driving to the Steelers' 1, 8 and 19 during the second half.

"We were in position to win the football game," coach Brad Childress said. "That's what disappointing — not discouraging, but disappointing."

The big plays kept coming after Woodley's return made it 20-10, even though it wasn't either offenses making them. Percy Harvin returned a kickoff 88 yards for a touchdown that pulled the Vikings to within 20-17 and, after the Steelers (5-2) punted, gave Favre another chance to win it.

Ask the 49ers, the Ravens and the Packers if that's a good idea.

Favre nearly pulled it off, too, finding Adrian Peterson on a 29-yard completion to the Steelers' 26. But, two plays later, he forced a pass that bounced off running back Chester Taylor's hands to linebacker Keyaron Fox for an 82-yard return touchdown, only Favre's third interception this season.

Many defenses don't have two return scores like this in a season. The Steelers had two in half a quarter, the first time since 1998 they've had two defensive touchdowns in a game.

It was the first game in NFL history to feature three touchdown returns of 75 yards or longer in a fourth quarter.

"It's a shock how long it took for people to remember this defense can play," safety Ryan Clark said. "We don't like it coming into the game and people saying it's going to be a shootout."

To Clark, the two defensive scores weren't the biggest plays made by a Pittsburgh defense that, last season, narrowly missed becoming the first since the 1970 merger to lead the league in fewest points, yards, rushing yards and passing yards allowed.

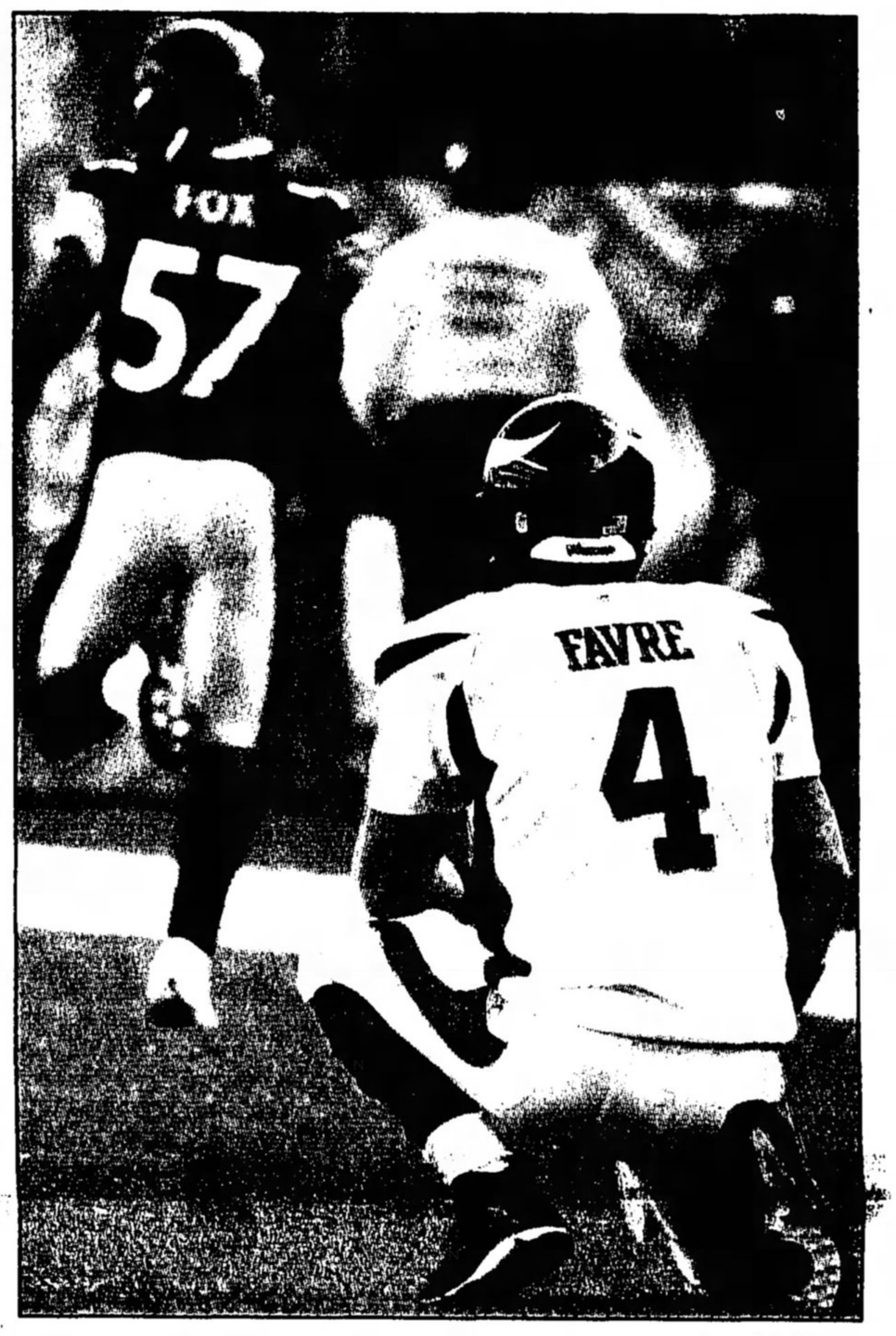
The Steelers turned aside the Vikings on three successive plays from a half-yard out halfway through the third quarter, forcing them to settle for an 18-yard field goal by Ryan Longwell that kept Pittsburgh in the lead at 13-10.

Peterson carried the ball only on first down; Favre threw incomplete into heavy coverage on the next two plays.

"That's the biggest point of the game," safety Ryan Clark said. "You have the best running back in the world and you don't give it to him. They're saying they can't beat us running, and that's a major statement when you have the guy they have back there."

None of the Vikings' players publicly second-guessed the play calling, although Peterson was the NFL's leading rusher before being held to 69 yards on 18 carries.

"We had three chances," said Favre, whose 334 yards passing were a career high in a game in which he didn't throw for a touchdown. "It's easy to look back now and say we should've done this or should've done that."



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The Steelers' Keyaron Fox returns an interception 82 yards for a touchdown in the fourth quarter as Minnesota quarterback Brett Favre watches.

Defense makes plays at the right time

Two huge "splash plays" saved Sunday's game.

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Pittsburgh Steelers defense isn't as dominating as some of the recent past, but it showed it still can be a difference-maker during a 27-17 win over the Minnesota Vikings on Sunday.

The Steelers aren't dominating opponents like they did last season but, despite allowing the Vikings 386 yards, their defense outscored both teams' offenses by getting two touchdowns off turnovers in the fourth quarter.

"On our defense, we always try to go out there and not just get turnovers, but try to put points on the board," linebacker LaMarr Woodley said.

Coach Mike Tomlin refers to game-changing plays as "splash plays," and the Pittsburgh defense made two big splashes against the Vikings. Woodley returned a fumble 77 yards and Keyaron Fox an interception 82 yards for scores that both came while the Vikings were driving and on the verge of taking control.

"We very rarely have people out of place; they're usually where they're supposed to be, seeing things they're supposed to see," Tomlin said. "And when you do that and combine that with energy and enthusiasm, big plays happen and thankfully they happened for us."

Pittsburgh led the league in total defense, passing defense, points per game and yards per play defensively last season but have fallen back in each category this season. They are No. 2 against the run, just as they were last season.

They also had forced only eight turnovers through six games — none returned for touchdowns — but that changed against the previously undefeated Vikings. They also failed to allow a 100-yard rusher for the 25th consecutive regular season game.

"We've been good with our turnovers and to think that we'd come to this game and have two ... touchdowns going the other way, hats off to those guys," Minnesota coach Brad Childress said.

RED ZONE DIFFICULTIES: Neither team was sharp when it got deep into the other's territory. In a combined eight trips inside the 20, the Steelers and Vikings' offenses scored 16 points.

Each team made it inside the 10 three times. The Steelers only came away with two field goals and a fumble; the Vikings had one touchdown, one field goal and a fumble that was returned for a touchdown.

"At the end of the day, we had opportunities," Adrian Peterson said. "We were inside the red zone twice with an opportunity to take the lead. We knew there wasn't going to be any handouts. We had the opportunity to take it, and we gave it away."

Associated Press

Minnesota quarterback Brett Favre, right, has the ball stripped by Steelers defensive end Brent Kiesel, left, as he is blocked by Steve Hutchinson in the fourth quarter. Linebacker LaMarr Woodley recovered the fumble and returned it for a touchdown.

Shutout ends season for BVA girls

Lady Leps' coach says Norwin did a better job of getting to loose balls.

By BILL HUGHES
For The Valley Independent

Belle Vernon Area girls' soccer coach Paul Sasko knew going into Saturday's Class AAA first-round playoff game that his team had a tough draw by having to head to Norwin.

After the Lady Leps' season ending 3-0 loss, Sasko gave credit to the winners.

"You've got to hand it to Norwin," he said. "They were big and physical and they just won every ball in the air.

"The better team won today."

Norwin opened the scoring 17:18 into the game when Maria Lanyi deflected a cross pass past BVA keeper Lindsey Lash.

"Lindsey made a great attempt on the ball but (Lanyi) got her foot on the ball before Lindsey was able to control it," Sasko said.

The Lady Leps held off several Norwin scoring chances the rest of the first half and the score remained 1-0 going into halftime.

"Although we were outplayed in the first half, we were only down 1-0," Sasko said. "I thought we might be able to put something together to come back in the second half."

Unfortunately for Sasko and his team, things remained the same in the second half.

The Lady Leps could not score and Norwin bumped their lead to 2-0 with 7:08 left when Molly Peddicord's shot bounced off of the post and bounced into the goal.

With 1:12 left, Arial Shasko finished the scoring to give the hosts the 3-0 lead.

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>
> BVA coach Paul Sasko

"We started pushing players up in the attack and changed formations with around 10 minutes left to try and generate some type of attack," Sasko said. "We had to try and tie the game. That is when they pulled away."

The loss ends an impressive run for the BVA seniors. They went 54-0-2 in section play and won four section titles in as many years.

"I could not be more proud of these girls," Sasko said. "Our girls played as hard as they could and I could not be more proud of them."

Eight Lady Leopards played their last game Saturday.

SPORTS

BVA boys look to upset W. Allegheny

Leps' situation for tonight is similar to a year ago.

By BILL HUGHES
For The Valley Independent

A year ago, Chris Stasicha's Belle Vernon Area boys' soccer team made the Class AA playoffs as the third-place team in the ultra-competitive Section 3 and won at highly touted Indiana in the first-round.

The Leps have once again made the playoffs as the third place team in Section 3, and this time they head to play once-beaten West Allegheny, the Section 5 champions at 7:45 p.m. today.

Can deja vu happen again?

"We are extremely happy to be back in the playoffs considering the section we are in," Stasicha said. "While I haven't had an opportunity to see West Allegheny play this season, I have talked to some people that have.

"They have four players that have at least 10 goals and two of them have over 20."

Both teams have played tremendous defense this season with the Leps (11-5-2) holding opponents to 16 goals while the Indians (16-1-1) have only given up 11.

It is on offense where West Allegheny appears to have an advantage. They have scored 104 goals to BVA's 68.

"They have a high-powered offense," Stasicha said. "However, I feel that we can give them a good game. Like last year, we are definitely battle tested.

"We are looking to contain their top scorers and countering whenever possible."

When BVA has the ball and tries to counter West Allegheny's powerful attack, chances are plays will be made off of the feet of either striker Mark Tomich or center midfielder Jordan Redfield. Tomich scored 24 goals and had 10 assists while Redfield had ten goals and 16 helpers.

Garrett McLaughlin is the keeper and has seven shutouts this year and he will be protected by an experienced defense.

Stasicha, who has three seniors, four juniors, three sophomores and one freshman in his starting lineup, said his team will be ready.

"On paper, they are an overwhelming favorite," he said. "But they still need to prove it."

Saints rally to stay perfect

By The Associated Press

The New Orleans Saints are still undefeated, proving that no deficit is too large for their explosive offense to overcome.

At Miami, Brees and the Saints (6-0) fell behind for the first time all season, then overcame a 21-point deficit to beat the Dolphins 46-34. The NFL's highest-scoring team topped 40 points for the fourth time and outscored the Dolphins 22-0 in the fourth quarter.

"There was no doubt on our sideline we would come back and win," said Brees, who threw for 298 yards. "They had given us their best shot, and we had played about as bad as we could play. All we had to do was string together a few drives and gain the momentum back. We knew it was going to happen, and it did."

Patriots 35, Buccaneers 7

At Wembley, England, Tom Brady threw three touchdown passes and had more than 300 yards as the Patriots (5-2) beat the winless Buccaneers at Wembley Stadium in the NFL's third regular-season game at the iconic London venue.

For the Bucs, who gave up a home game to play in London, the new surroundings didn't help. They fell to 0-7 and saw their losing streak extended to 11 games overall.

Cowboys 37, Falcons 21

At Arlington, Texas, Tony Romo and Miles Austin brought the Cowboys' offense to life and the defense gave up little more than long drives at the start of each half as Dallas (4-2) roared out of its bye with its most impressive win of the season and first against a team with a winning record.

Bengals 45, Bears 10

At Cincinnati, Carson Palmer threw five touchdown passes — four in a dominant first half — and Cedric Benson ran for a career-high 189 yards and a touchdown against the team that let him go.

The Bengals improved to 5-2 for the first time since 2005. Cincinnati scored on all five possessions in the first half and went up 31-0. It tied for the third-most points the Bears (3-3) have allowed in an opening half.

Texans 24, 49ers 21

At Houston, Steve Slaton scored two touchdowns and the Texans (4-3) built a big lead and held on for the win.

The Texans led 21-0 at halftime then withstood a rally led by backup quarterback Alex Smith. Eugene Wilson's interception on fourth down halted a last-gasp drive by the 49ers (3-3).

Jets 38, Raiders 0

At Oakland, Calif., Mark Sanchez shook off the worst start of his young career by running for one touchdown and throwing for another, fellow rookie Shonn Greene ran for 144 yards and two scores and the Jets snapped a three-game losing streak.

The win came after the Jets (4-3) lost running back Leon Washington to a broken right leg.

Packers 31, Browns 3

At Cleveland, Aaron Rodgers threw three touchdown passes, Ryan Grant rushed for 148 yards in a laugher against the Browns, who got over the flu but can't shake other problems.

It would have been understandable if the Packers (4-2) had overlooked an inferior opponent with their eyes on Favre's hyped return to Wisconsin with the Vikings. But Rodgers and his teammates took care of business against the Browns (1-6), who have scored just four offensive touchdowns and 72 points all season.

Chargers 37, Chiefs 7

At Kansas City, Mo., Philip Rivers threw three touchdowns passes and LaDainian Tomlinson rushed for 71 yards.

Rivers was 18 for 30 for 268 yards and three TDs as the Chargers (3-3) won their third in a row in Kansas City for the first time since 1981.

Bills 20, Panthers 9

At Charlotte, N.C., Jairus Byrd had two more interceptions, Ryan Fitzpatrick didn't make a big mistake in his first start at quarterback and the Bills took advantage of Carolina's miscues.

Buffalo (3-3) won road games in consecutive weeks for the first time since 2004, despite being outgained by Carolina (2-4) 425-167.

Colts 42, Rams 6

At St. Louis, Peyton Manning was 23 for 34 for 235 yards — ending his run of 300-yard games at five — and three touchdown passes, and the Colts' defense got its first score of the year on rookie Jacob Lacey's 35-yard interception return. Looking fresh coming off their bye, the Colts (6-0) won their 15th straight regular-season game and set a franchise record with their eighth straight road victory.

Cardinals 24, Giants 17

At East Rutherford, N.J., Arizona erased some bad memories in its last regular-season visit to Giants Stadium, forcing four turnovers and bewildering Eli Manning with its blitzes.

The Cardinals finished with a 3-15 record at the Meadowlands, but this win lifted the defending NFC champions into first place in the NFC West at 4-2 with their third straight win.

Yankees back in World Series

NEW YORK (AP) — They dashed from the dugout and in from the outfield, swarming Alex Rodriguez in a sea of pinstripes only steps from his spot at third base.

"I couldn't be more excited," he said. "I feel like a 10-year-old kid."

Making it to the World Series for the first time after all those misses will do that to you.

The New York Yankees, baseball's biggest spenders, finally cashed in with their first pennant in six years Sunday night, beating the Los Angeles Angels 5-2 in Game 6 of the AL championship series behind the savvy pitching of that old October pro, Andy Pettitte.

Next up, New York hosts defending champion Philadelphia in the World Series opener Wednesday night. Cliff Lee is expected to face ALCS MVP CC Sabathia in an enticing pitching matchup between former Cleveland teammates — and the past two AL Cy Young Award winners.

Ridiculed in the past for his October flops, the three-time MVP played a huge role in helping his team advance through the playoffs, batting .438 with five home runs and 12 RBIs. Thriving under late-inning pressure this time around, the slugger earned his first trip to the Fall Classic during a 16-year career in which he's accomplished almost everything else.

"That's what you play for," Rodriguez said. "In order to win a World Series, you have to get there first."

Cameras flashed in the stands throughout the ninth inning as the crowd roared louder and louder with each pitch.

After Mariano Rivera fanned pinch-hitter Gary Matthews Jr. for the final out at 1 minute past midnight, Mark Teixeira, Derek Jeter and most Yankees rushed to mob a jubilant Rodriguez near third base.

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THIS WEEK'S GAMES

Denver at Baltimore	Oakland at San Diego
Cleveland at Chicago	Jacksonville at Tennessee
Seattle at Dallas	Carolina at Arizona
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12. Contestants must have reached the age of eight (8) years by the Sunday of any week's play.
13. Decisions of the judges are final.

SPORTS DIGEST

Vulcans wrap up share of PSAC West title

SLIPPERY ROCK — The No. 24 Cal U Vulcans clinched at least a share of their fifth-consecutive PSAC West title and secured their second-straight appearance in the PSAC Championship with a dominating 44-7 victory over rival Slippery Rock at N. Kerr Thompson Stadium on Saturday.

With one week left in the regular season, the Vulcans hold a one-game lead in the PSAC West standings and hold the head-to-head tiebreakers against Clarion and Edinboro.

Girls' basketball clinic slated

There will be a girls' basketball Oct. 27-29 at the Rostraver Middle School gym. The clinic will run from 3:15-5 p.m. each day.

Girls from Bellmar can ride transfer bus No. 5 to the middle school.

The clinic is free for all girls living in the Belle Vernon Area School District.

For more information, call Tom Rodriguez (724) 984-6736.

LaGrange wins BV Midget title

LaGrange Eagles rolled over Yough Green, 40-0, to win the Belle Vernon Midget Football League championship.

LaGrange (8-1) got three touchdowns from Zac Spate, two from Deven Feeney and one from Sam Kovell in the win.

In the consolation games, Washington Township downed Yough Silver, 34-14, and Fayette City nipped Belle Vernon, 6-0. For Washington Township (4-4-1), Jacob Gherardini threw for one touchdown and ran for another.

John Hall scored the lone TD in the win by Fayette City (6-3).

Cal golfers second in PSAC championship

HUMMELSTOWN – Behind top-five finishes by sophomore Paul Babashanian and senior Bryan Bustamante, the California University finished in a tie for second place on Sunday at the 2009 PSAC Championships, which were played at the par-72, 7,0009-yard Hershey Links.

The Vulcan men's golf team shot a two-round 39-over 615 (302-313) and tied Millersville (313-302) for second place at the seven-team event. IUP won the conference title for the third-straight season after carding a 16-over 592 (298-294) behind the top two overall finishers. Sophomore Brad Boyle beat teammate Gavin Smith in a playoff to earn medalist honors, while Smith was voted the Tournament MVP by the league coaches.

Babashanian shot a six-over 150 (74-76) in the two rounds to finish third overall and six strokes back of the medalist. Bustamante finished in a three-way tie for fourth place after carding a seven-over 151 (73-78).

Cal U booters beat Lock Haven, 2-1

LOCK HAVEN – Trailing 1-0 for most of the first half, the California University men's soccer team rallied to win 2-1 on Saturday at Lock Haven in PSAC West play.

With their eighth win in the last 10 games, the Vulcans move to 11-5 overall and 3-5 in league action. Meanwhile, the Bald Eagles drop to 5-10-2 this year with a 1-7 mark in divisional action.

Trailing 1-0, Cal evened the score at the 46:33-mark with a goal by senior Nick Helbig. The Vulcans broke the tie in the 80th minute when junior Felipe Souza scored his team-leading fourth game-winning goal of the season.

Cal women set record in win

LOCK HAVEN – Behind two goals and one assist by junior forward Sam Regney, the No. 21 California University women's soccer team established a school record for wins in a season and clinched the program's first-ever PSAC Tournament appearance with a 5-0 win at Lock Haven on Saturday in PSAC West play.

With their fifth victory in the last six games, the Vulcans moved back into a tie for first place with IUP in the PSAC West standings with 25 points behind an 8-3-1 divisional record. Overall, Cal moves to 13-4-1 this season to break the single-season school record for wins (12; 1992, 1994, 2008). Meanwhile, Lock Haven falls to 3-12-1 this year with a 2-9-1 mark in league play.

Cal U took an early 1-0 lead in the 12th minute when sophomore Elizabeth Johnston scored her first goal of the season. Amanda Heister tallied her team-leading 13th goal of the season off a pass from Regney to make it 2-0 and Cal cruised from there.

Trivia answer

2004.

SPORTS

NFL standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	5	2	0	.714	198	98
N.Y. Jets	4	3	0	.571	152	104
Buffalo	3	4	0	.429	113	138
Miami	2	4	0	.333	146	152
South						
Indianapolis	6	0	0	1.000	179	77
Houston	4	3	0	.571	167	158
Jacksonville	3	3	0	.500	120	147
Tennessee	0	6	0	.000	84	198
North						
Cincinnati	5	2	0	.714	163	128
Pittsburgh	5	2	0	.714	167	129
Baltimore	3	3	0	.500	169	130
Cleveland	1	6	0	.143	72	179
West						
Denver	6	0	0	1.000	133	66
San Diego	3	3	0	.500	161	143
Oakland	2	5	0	.286	62	177
Kansas City	1	6	0	.143	105	181

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	5	2	0	.714	195	143
Dallas	4	2	0	.667	159	119
Philadelphia	3	2	0	.600	136	99
Washington	2	4	0	.333	79	96
South						
New Orleans	6	0	0	1.000	238	127
Atlanta	4	2	0	.667	144	114
Carolina	2	4	0	.333	94	145
Tampa Bay	0	7	0	.000	96	203
North						
Minnesota	6	1	0	.857	206	148
Green Bay	4	2	0	.667	161	96
Chicago	3	3	0	.500	129	144
Detroit	1	5	0	.167	103	188
West						
Arizona	4	2	0	.667	136	109
San Francisco	3	3	0	.500	133	122
Seattle	2	4	0	.333	118	109
St. Louis	0	7	0	.000	60	211

Sunday's Games

New England 35, Tampa Bay 7
Pittsburgh 27, Minnesota 17
Houston 24, San Francisco 21
Indianapolis 42, St. Louis 6
San Diego 37, Kansas City 7
Green Bay 31, Cleveland 3
Buffalo 20, Carolina 9
N.Y. Jets 38, Oakland 0
Dallas 37, Atlanta 21
New Orleans 46, Miami 34
Cincinnati 45, Chicago 10
Arizona 24, N.Y. Giants 17
Open: Denver, Seattle, Detroit, Jacksonville, Baltimore, Tennessee

Today's Game

Philadelphia at Washington, 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 1

St. Louis at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Miami at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Dallas, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Denver at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Houston at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Oakland at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.
Jacksonville at Tennessee, 4:05 p.m.
Minnesota at Green Bay, 4:15 p.m.
Carolina at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.
Open: New England, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Kansas City, Washington, Tampa Bay

Monday, Nov. 2

Atlanta at New Orleans, 8:30 p.m.

Steelers summary

Minnesota	0	7	3	7	—17
Pittsburgh	3	7	3	14	—27

First Quarter

Pit—FG Reed 39, :04.

Second Quarter

Min—Peterson 2 run (Longwell kick), 5:12.
Pit—Wallace 40 pass from Roethlisberger (Reed kick), :24.

Third Quarter

Pit—FG Reed 27, 11:05.
Min—FG Longwell 18, 4:44.

Fourth Quarter

Pit—Woodley 77 fumble return (Reed kick), 6:23.
Min—Harvin 88 kickoff return (Longwell kick), 6:09.
Pit—Fox 82 interception return (Reed kick), 1:00.
A—65,597.

	Min	Pit
First downs	21	14
Total Net Yards	386	259
Rushes-yards	23-89	20-106
Passing	297	153
Punt Returns	3-8	2-16
Kickoff Returns	5-167	4-105
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	1-82
Comp-Att-Int	34-51-1	14-26-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-37	3-22
Punts	6-41.7	6-41.3
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	2-1
Penalties-Yards	11-78	3-15
Time of Possession	36:58	23:02

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Minnesota, Peterson 18-69, Taylor 3-14, Harvin 1-7, Favre 1-(minus 1). Pittsburgh, Mendenhall 10-69, Wallace 2-19, Moore 4-14, Parker 1-2, Roethlisberger 2-1, Holmes 1-1.
PASSING—Minnesota, Favre 34-51-1-334. Pittsburgh, Roethlisberger 14-26-0-175.
RECEIVING—Minnesota, Rice 11-136, Peterson 4-60, Shiancoe 4-27, Lewis 4-18, Harvin 3-42, Tahi 3-13, Berrian 2-18, J.Johnson 1-9, Taylor 1-7, Kleinsasser 1-4. Pittsburgh, Miller 6-38, Wallace 3-72, Holmes 2-59, Johnson 1-4, Ward 1-3, Mendenhall 1-(minus 1).
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

Big East football

	Conf. W	L	Overall W	L
Pittsburgh	3	0	6	1
Cincinnati	2	0	6	0
West Virginia	1	0	5	1
USF	1	1	5	1
Connecticut	1	1	4	2
Rutgers	0	2	5	2
Louisville	0	2	2	4
Syracuse	0	2	2	4

Saturday

Syracuse 28, Akron 14
Cincinnati 41, Louisville 10
Pittsburgh 41, USF 14
West Virginia 28, Connecticut 24

Friday

West Virginia at South Florida, 8 p.m. (ESPN2)

Saturday

Cincinnati at Syracuse, noon (ESPNU)
Rutgers at Connecticut, noon
Arkansas State at Louisville, noon

Jason Campbell and the Redskins will host the Eagles at 8:30 p.m. on ESPN.

Sports dial

Today
Television

8 p.m. - Versus - Minnesota at Chicago, hockey.
8:30 p.m. - ESPN - Philadelphia at Washington, pro football.
Radio
8:30 p.m. - WEAE (1250-AM) - Philadelphia at Washington, pro football.

High school football

Class AAA
Big Seven Conference

	Con. W	L	Overall W	L
T. Jefferson	5	0	8	0
Chartiers Valley	5	1	7	1
West Mifflin	2	3	5	3
BV Area	2	3	4	4
Trinity	2	3	3	5
Elizabeth Forward	1	4	4	4
Ringgold	1	4	3	5

Friday

Elizabeth Forward at BV Area
Ringgold at Trinity
T. Jefferson at West Mifflin
A. Gallatin at Char Valley

Keystone Conference

	Con. W	L	Overall W	L
Greensburg Salem	5	0	7	1
Uniontown	4	1	5	3
Laurel Highlands	3	2	3	5
Derry	3	2	3	5
Albert Gallatin	2	4	3	5
Yough	1	4	1	7
S'moreland	0	5	0	8

Friday

Southmoreland at Yough
L. Highland at Uniontown
Derry at Greensburg Salem
A. Gallatin at Char Valley

Class AA
Interstate Conference

	Con. W	L	Overall W	L
Mt. Pleasant	8	0	8	0
McGuffey	6	2	6	2
Washington	6	2	6	2
Greensburg Central	6	2	6	2
Charleroi	5	3	5	3
Jeannette	5	3	5	3
Waynesburg	2	6	2	6
Brownsville	1	7	1	7
South Allegheny	0	8	0	8
East Allegheny	1	7	1	7

Friday

Mt. Pleasant at Charleroi
Brownsville at Waynesburg
Washington at McGuffey
E. Allegheny at S. Allegheny
Greensburg C.C. at Jeannette

Class A
Tri-County South

	Con. W	L	Overall W	L
Monessen	6	0	6	2
Beth-Center	5	1	6	2
Jefferson-Morgan	4	2	6	2
California	3	3	4	4
Carmichaels	3	3	3	5
Geibel	2	4	3	5
Mapletown	1	5	1	7
West Greene	0	6	0	8

Friday

California at Monessen
Carmichaels at West Greene
Mapletown at Jeff-Morgan
Saturday
Beth-Center at Geibel, noon

Black Hills Conference

	Con. W	L	Overall W	L
Clairton	5	0	6	1
Serra	4	1	6	1
Fort Cherry	3	2	5	2
Chartiers-Houston	2	3	4	3
Burgettstown	2	3	3	4
Frazier	2	3	3	4
Bentworth	1	4	2	5
Avella	1	4	2	5

Friday

Bentworth at Frazier
Serra at Clairton
Avella at Burgettstown
Fort Cherry at Char-Houston

MLS standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
y-Columbus	13	7	10	49	41	31
x-Chicago	11	7	12	45	39	34
x-New England	11	10	9	42	33	37
D.C.	9	8	13	40	43	44
Toronto FC	10	11	9	39	37	46
Kansas City	8	13	9	33	33	42
New York	5	19	6	21	27	47

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
x-Houston	13	8	9	48	39	29
y-Los Angeles	12	6	12	48	36	31
x-Seattle	12	7	11	47	38	29
x-Chivas USA	13	11	6	45	34	31
Colorado	10	10	10	40	42	38
x-Real Salt Lk.	11	12	7	40	43	35
FC Dallas	11	13	6	39	50	47
San Jose	7	14	9	30	36	50

x-clinched playoff berth
y-clinched conference

Saturday's Games

New York 5, Toronto FC 0
Kansas City 2, D.C. United 2, tie
Real Salt Lake 3, Colorado 0
Los Angeles 2, San Jose 0
Seattle FC 2, FC Dallas 1

Sunday's Games

Houston 3, Chivas USA 2
New England 1, Columbus 0
End Regular Season

Soccer playoffs

Boys
First Round
Class AAA
Saturday

Norwin 2, Baldwin 1
Bethel Park 1, Seneca Valley 0
Upper St. Clair 4, Kiski Area 2

Today

7:45 p.m. - Canon-McMillan (9-7-1) at Fox Chapel (17-0-1).

Tuesday

6 p.m. - Central Catholic (13-2-2) vs Shaler (8-5-3) at Pine- Richland
7:45 p.m. - Gateway (12-6) at Pine-Richland (10-4-2); Penn-Trafford (12-5-1) at Peters Township (13-2-1)
Bye - Mt. Lebanon (16-1-1)

Class AA
Saturday

Hampton 3, Mt. Pleasant 0
Center 4, Knoch 0

Today

7:45 p.m. - Belle Vernon Area (11-5-2) at West Allegheny (16-1-1); Indiana (12-6) at Mars (17-1); Montour (11-5-2) at Beaver (11-5)

Tuesday

6 p.m. - Southmoreland (13-3-1) vs Keystone Oaks (13-3-2) at Mt. Lebanon.
7:45 p.m - Ambridge (11-7) vs South Park (16-2) at Baldwin.

Class A
Saturday

4 p.m. - Seton-LaSalle 4, Shady Side Academy 0

Today

6 p.m. - Trinity Christian (11-7) vs Carlynton (15-1-2); St. Joseph (8-9-1) vs Greens burg Central Catholic (14-4) at Mt. Pleasant; Serra (13-5) vs Freedom (13-2-1) at Ambridge.
7:45 p.m. - Beaver County Christian (11-7) vs S ewickley Academy (10-6-2) at Ambridge.

Tuesday

6 p.m. - Bentworth (9-7-2) vs Canevin (12-6) at Bethel Park.
7:45 p.m. - Charlroi (11-6) at Springdale (12-1-3).
Bye - Quaker Valley (15-3).

Girls
Class AAA
Preliminary Round
Saturday

Franklin Regional 6, Connellsville 0
N. Allegheny 2, Hampton 1
Mars 1, Upper St. Clair 0
Canon-McMillan 2, Char Valley 0
Thomas Jefferson 5, Montour 1

First Round
Saturday

Norwin 3, Belle Vernon Area 0

Today

6 p.m. - Southmoreland (13-1-2) at Fox Chapel (14-2-1).
7 p.m. - Gateway (14-3-1) at Penn-Trafford (14-3-1)

Tuesday

6 p.m. - Mars at Peters Township (15-1-2).
7 p.m. - Thomas Jefferson at Seneca Valley (17-0-1)
7:45 p.m. Franklin Regional at Moon (16-0-1); North Allegheny at Mt. Lebanon (13-3-1) Canon-McMillan at Bethel Park (16-1-1).

Class AA
Preliminary Round
Saturday

Deer Lakes 5, Geibel 1
Quigley 4, Steel Valley 1

First Round
Saturday

Center 4, McGuffey 0
Shady Side Academy 1, Greensburg C.C. 0

Today

6 p.m. - South Fayette (10-7-1) at Beaver (14-1).
7 p.m. - Quaker Valley (9-6-2) at Seton-LaSalle (13-4).
7:45 p.m. - Canevin (9-7-1) at Mt. Pleasant (14-4)

Tuesday

6 p.m. - Deer Lakes- vs South Park (15-1-1) at Baldwin; Neshannock (13-3-2) vs Sewickley Academy (14-3-1) at Moon; Quigley winner at Springdale (14-1-2)

Baseball playoffs

Sunday

New York 5, Los Angeles 2

WORLD SERIES
Wednesday

Philadelphia (Lee 7-4) at New York (Sabathia 19-8), 7:57 p.m.

Thursday

Philadelphia at New York, 7:57 p.m.

Saturday

New York at Philadelphia, 7:57 p.m.

Sunday

New York at Philadelphia, 8:20 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 2

x-New York at Philadelphia, 7:57 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 4

x-Philadelphia at New York, 7:57 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 5

x-Philadelphia at New York, 7:57 p.m.

ALCS boxscore

LOS ANGELES	ab	r	h	bi	NEW YORK	ab	r	h	bi
Figgins 3b	4	1	1	0	Jeter ss	2	1	0	0
BAreu rf	4	0	1	1	Damon lf	4	0	2	2
TrHntr cf	4	0	1	0	Teixeir 1b	4	0	2	1
Guerrr dh	4	0	3	1	ARdrgz 3b	2	0	2	1
Willits prdh	0	0	0	0	Posada c	5	0	0	0
KMorls 1b	4	0	0	0	HMatsu dh	4	0	0	0
HKndrc 2b	3	0	0	0	Cano 2b	2	2	1	0
JRiver lf	4	0	2	0	Swisher rf	3	1	1	0
JMaths c	2	1	1	0	Gardnr prcf	0	1	0	0
Mizturs ph	1	0	0	0	MeCarr cf-rf	2	0	1	0
Napoli c	0	0	0	0					
MthwsJ ph	1	0	0	0					
EAyar ss	3	0	0	0					
Totals	**34**	**2**	**9**	**2**	**Totals**	**28**	**5**	**9**	**4**

Los Angeles	001	000	010	—	2
New York	000	300	02x	—	5

E—H.Kendrick (1), Kazmir (1). DP—Los Angeles 3, New York 2. LOB—Los Angeles 6, New York 12. 2B—Guerrero (3), J.Mathis (5). S—Swisher, Me.Cabrera 2. SF—Teixeira.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
New York						
J.Saunders L,0-1	3 1-3	7	3	3	5	0
Oliver	2 2-3	1	0	0	1	2
E.Santana	1	1	1	0	1	0
Kazmir	2-3	0	1	0	1	0
Jer.Weaver	1-3	0	0	0	1	1
New York						
Petitte W,1-0	6 1-3	7	1	1	1	6
Chamberlain H,1	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
Ma.Rivera S,2-2	2	2	1	1	0	1

E.Santana pitched to 1 batter in the 8th.
T—3:40. A—50,173 (52,325).

NHL standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	11	9	2	0	18	37	25
N.Y. Rangers	11	7	3	1	15	41	31
New Jersey	9	6	3	0	12	26	22
Philadelphia	9	5	3	1	11	31	27
N.Y. Islanders	9	1	4	4	6	20	34

Northeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Buffalo	8	6	1	1	13	26	16
Ottawa	9	5	2	2	12	30	26
Boston	10	5	4	1	11	30	32
Montreal	10	5	5	0	10	27	30
Toronto	8	0	7	1	1	15	35

Southeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	10	6	2	2	14	37	30
Atlanta	8	4	3	1	9	28	24
Tampa Bay	9	3	3	3	9	24	32
Carolina	10	2	5	3	7	24	34
Florida	9	2	6	1	5	19	35

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	10	6	3	1	13	33	26
Columbus	10	6	4	0	12	33	34
St. Louis	9	4	4	1	9	24	25
Detroit	9	3	4	2	8	25	31
Nashville	10	3	6	1	7	18	33

Northwest Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	11	8	1	2	18	38	26
Calgary	10	7	2	1	15	41	33
Edmonton	11	6	4	1	13	38	33
Vancouver	11	6	5	0	12	31	28
Minnesota	10	3	7	0	6	22	32

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	12	8	4	0	16	44	38
San Jose	12	7	4	1	15	42	35
Dallas	11	5	2	4	14	37	32
Phoenix	9	6	3	0	12	24	17
Anaheim	9	3	5	1	7	22	31

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Saturday's Games

San Jose 4, Atlanta 3
Philadelphia 5, Florida 1
Vancouver 3, Toronto 1
Washington 3, N.Y. Islanders 2, OT
Boston 4, Ottawa 3, SO
Montreal 5, N.Y. Rangers 4, OT
New Jersey 4, Pittsburgh 1
Buffalo 3, Tampa Bay 2, SO
Dallas 4, St. Louis 1
Minnesota 3, Carolina 2, OT
Chicago 2, Nashville 0
Colorado 3, Detroit 1
Los Angeles 5, Phoenix 3
Columbus 6, Anaheim 4
Calgary 5, Edmonton 2

Sunday's Games

San Jose 4, Philadelphia 1
Los Angeles 6, Columbus 2
Vancouver 2, Edmonton 0

Today's Games

Phoenix at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Toronto at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

Cal U summary

Cal U.	7	17	7	13	- 44
S. Rock	0	7	0	0	- 7

Cal_Brown_(20_run)_Domonkos_(kick)
SR - Colavecchia (7 run) Bahr (kick)
Cal - Domonkos 9(16 field goal)
Cal - Cherry (19 blocked punt return) Domonkos (kick)
Cal - Jackson (10 pass from Portis) Domonkos (kick)
Cal - Anderson (1 run) Domonkos (kick)
Cal - Moore (13 run) Domonkos (kick)
Cal - Johnson (1 run) Domonkos (kick)

Team statistics

	Cal	SR
First downs	22	11
Rushing yds	188	68
Passing yds	228	149
Passing	17-29	16-29
Intercepted	3	1
Fumbles,lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties,yds	6-38	2-30
Punts,ave.	4-43	7-39

Individual statistics
Rushing

Cal - Brown, 12 for 69 yds, td; Portis, 5 for 44 yds; Anderson, 3 for 31 yds, td; Bacco, 6 for 30 yds; Moore, 1 for 15 yds, td; Wilson, 2 for 2 yds; Johnson, 1 for 1 yd, td.
SR - Mitchell, 13 for 28 yds; Satterfield, 4 for 19 yds; Colavecchia, 10 for 16 yds, td; Cleckley, 4 for 4 yds; Goda, 1 for 3 yds; O'Rourke, 1 for -2 yds.

Passing

Cal - Portis, 16 of 28, 219 yds, 1 td, 12 int; Morris, 1 of 1, 9 yds.
SR - Colavecchia, 13 of 24, 114 yds, 2 ints; O'Rourke, 3 of 5, 35 yds, 1 int.

Receiving

Cal - Jackson, 10 for 163 yds, td; Moore, 4 for 48 yds; Gumbert, 1 for 9 yds; Brown, 1 for 8 yds; Anderson, 1 for 0 yds.
SR - Cromerdie, 4 for 40 yds; Gardner, 2 for 31 yds; Guidish, 2 for 28 yds; Cottman, 2 for 25 yds; Goda, 2 for 21 yds; Cleckley, 2 for 5 yds; Mitchell, 2 for -1 yd.

Football Top 25

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Oct. 24, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

	W-L	Pts	Pvs
1. Florida (30)	7-0	1,463	2
2. Alabama (23)	8-0	1,448	1
3. Texas (7)	7-0	1,407	3
4. Southern Cal	6-1	1,217	4
5. Cincinnati	7-0	1,211	5
6. Boise St.	7-0	1,177	6
7. Iowa	8-0	1,148	7
8. TCU	7-0	1,132	10
9. LSU	6-1	1,040	9
10. Oregon	6-1	933	12
11. Georgia Tech	7-1	923	11
12. Penn St.	7-1	843	13
13. Oklahoma St.	6-1	768	14
14. Virginia Tech	5-2	734	15
15. Houston	6-1	601	17
16. Pittsburgh	7-1	551	20
17. Ohio St.	6-2	508	18
18. Miami	5-2	501	8
19. Utah	6-1	400	19
20. West Virginia	6-1	323	22
21. S. Carolina	6-2	270	23
22. Oklahoma	4-3	210	25
23. Arizona	5-2	164	—
24. Mississippi	5-2	142	—
25. Notre Dame	5-2	135	—

Others receiving votes: BYU 80, Cent. Michigan 76, California 24, Texas Tech 18, Wisconsin 16, Navy 13, Kansas 12, Clemson 11, Rutgers 1.

BCS rankings

	Harris Rk	Pts	Pct	USA Today Rk	Pts	Pct	Computer Rk	BCS Pct	Avg	Pv
1. Florida	1	2765	0.9788	1	1459	0.9892	2	0.950	0.9726	1
2. Alabama	2	2674	0.9465	2	1399	0.9485	3	0.940	0.9450	2
3. Texas	3	2672	0.9458	3	1390	0.9424	5	0.790	0.8927	3
4. Iowa	8	2086	0.7384	8	1086	0.7363	1	1.000	0.8249	6
5. Southern Cal	4	2316	0.8198	4	1244	0.8434	9	0.720	0.7944	7
6. TCU	7	2119	0.7501	6	1131	0.7668	4	0.850	0.7890	8
7. BoiseSt.	5	2273	0.8046	5	1152	0.7810	8	0.740	0.7752	4
8. Cincinnati	6	2224	0.7873	7	1126	0.7634	6	0.770	0.7735	5
9. LSU	9	1994	0.7058	9	1037	0.7031	10	0.700	0.7030	9
10. Oregon	11	1689	0.5979	12	839	0.5688	6	0.770	0.6456	11
11. Georgia Tech	12	1644	0.5819	11	865	0.5864	11	0.600	0.5895	12
12. Penn St.	10	1699	0.6014	10	935	0.6339	13	0.520	0.5851	13
13. Virginia Tech	14	1350	0.4779	14	691	0.4685	12	0.530	0.4921	14
14. Oklahoma St.	13	1522	0.5388	13	825	0.5593	17	0.250	0.4494	15
15. Pittsburgh	17	952	0.3370	17	542	0.3675	16	0.320	0.3415	20
16. Utah	19	834	0.2952	19	403	0.2732	15	0.380	0.3161	18
17. Ohio St.	15	1125	0.3982	15	569	0.3858	23	0.160	0.3147	19
18. Houston	16	1064	0.3766	16	544	0.3688	22	0.180	0.3085	17
19. Miami	18	858	0.3037	18	433	0.2936	24	0.150	0.2491	10
20. Arizona	25	230	0.0814	24	149	0.1010	14	0.490	0.2241	22
21. West Virginia	20	622	0.2202	20	365	0.2475	25	0.120	0.1959	23
22. South Carolina	21	475	0.1681	21	279	0.1892	20	0.210	0.1891	24
23. Notre Dame	24	236	0.0835	25	82	0.0556	19	0.220	0.1197	NR
24. California	28	65	0.0230	29	32	0.0217	18	0.230	0.0916	NR
25. Mississippi	23	342	0.1211	22	223	0.1512	28	0.000	0.0907	NR

Explanation Key

Team percentages are derived by dividing a team's actual voting points by a maximum 2850 possible points in the Harris Interactive Poll and 1500 possible points in the USA Today Coaches Poll.

Six computer rankings calculated in inverse points order (25 for No. 1, 24 for No. 2, etc.) are used to determine the overall computer component. The highest and lowest ranking for each team is dropped, and the remaining four are added and divided by 100 (the maximum possible points) to produce a Computer Rankings Percentage. The six computer ranking providers are Anderson & Hester, Richard Billingsley, Colley Matrix, Kenneth Massey, Jeff Sagarin, and Peter Wolfe. Each computer ranking accounts for schedule strength in its formula.

The BCS Average is calculated by averaging the percent totals of the Harris Interactive, USA Today Coaches and Computer polls.

Latest Line

BEST BET: Washington is 0-7 straight-up and vs. the spread its last 7 home games on Monday Night Football. The Redskins are also 9-17-1 vs. the spread in the second of back-to-back home games. Head coach Jim Zorn is only 4-11-2 vs. the spread his last 17 games. Philadelphia is 11-4 vs. the spread its last 15 games coming off a straight-up loss as the betting favorite. The Eagles are a solid 13-2 vs. the spread on the road with division revenge. Washington swept this series last season but now it is time for a little payback. Take Philadelphia -7 1/2 for another Best Bet winner.

NFL

Favorite	Points	Underdog
Today		
Philadelphia	7 1/2 (37)	WASH.
Sunday, Nov 1		
Week Eight		
BALTIMORE	3 1/2 (40)	Denver
CHICAGO	13 (40)	Cleveland
Houston	3 (41)	BUFFALO
GREEN BAY	3 (48)	Minnesota
INDIANA.	11 (45)	San Fran
NY JETS	3 1/2 (40)	Miami
DETROIT	3 1/2 (42)	St. Louis
DALLAS	9 1/2 (45)	Seattle
SAN DIEGO	16 1/2 (43)	Oakland
TENNESSEE	3 (43)	J'ville
ARIZONA	7 1/2 (44)	Carolina
PHILA	2 (44)	NY Giants
Monday, Nov 2		
N. ORLEANS	9 (53)	Atlanta

Bye Week: Cincinnati, Kansas City, New England, Pittsburgh, Tampa Bay, and Washington.

College Football

Favorite	Points	Underdog
Tuesday, Oct 27		
E. Carolina	4 1/2	MEMPHIS
Thursday, Oct 29		
VA TECH	16	North Carolina
Friday, Oct 30		
W. Virginia	3 1/2	S. FLORIDA
Saturday, Oct 31		
CONN.	8	Rutgers
Cincinnati	15	SYRACUSE
BOS. COLL.	4 1/2	C. Michigan
Ohio	7 1/2	BALL ST
VIRGINIA	7	Duke
IOWA	17 1/2	Indiana
WISCONSIN	7	Purdue
Miami-Florida	7	WAKE FOREST
FLORIDA ST	7 1/2	NC State
N. ILLINOIS	10	Akron
OHIO ST	40	New Mexico St
Ga Tech	13 1/2	VANDERBILT
TEXAS A&M	6 1/2	Iowa St
Mississippi	4	AUBURN
ARKANSAS	36 1/2	E. Michigan
W. Michigan	1	KENT ST
Nebraska	12	BAYLOR
TULSA	17	Smu
TEX.EL PASO	6 1/2	Ala-Birm.
BOISE ST	33 1/2	San Jose St
a-FLORIDA	16	Georgia
Toledo	6	MIAMI-OHIO
OREGON ST	9	Ucla
NAVY	7	Temple
California	6 1/2	ARIZONA ST
Michigan	8	ILLINOIS
Missouri	3 1/2	COLORADO
OKLAHOMA	25	Kansas St
Texas	9	OKLAHOMA ST
NEVADA	24 1/2	Hawaii
TCU	33	Univ
Air Force	3	COLORADO ST
Penn St	13 1/2	N'WESTERN
IDAHO	3	Louisiana Tech
FRESNO ST	16	Utah St
KENTUCKY	3 1/2	Mississippi St
TEXAS TECH

COMICS

CATHY® by Cathy Guisewite

THAT'S THAT. TIME FOR YOUR IN-LAWS TO GET MOVING!
MOVING??
WE'VE BEEN PLOPPED ON YOUR SOFA FOR MONTHS! IT'S ENOUGH!
YOU'RE READY TO MOVE??
I'VE PACKED OUR PRESCRIPTIONS, OUR BLOOD PRESSURE MONITOR, OUR ASPIRIN AND ELECTROLYTES... ...AND WE'RE OUT OF HERE!
WHERE WILL YOU GO??
OUR GOAL IS TO MAKE IT TO THE END OF THE DRIVEWAY AND BACK BEFORE DUSK.
DAY ONE OF OUR WORKOUT PROGRAM. HAVE A SNACK READY FOR OUR RETURN!

GARFIELD® by Jim Davis

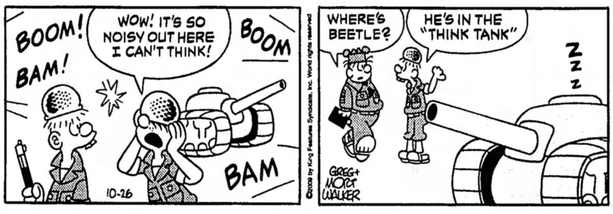
NOW, NOBODY PANIC! WE'RE ALL SAFE IN HERE!
THERE'S NO WAY A BIG, STUPID, BLOODTHIRSTY MONSTER LIKE THAT CAN FIGURE OUT A LOCKED DOOR!
DING-DONG
I'LL GET IT!
I WONDER WHO THAT COULD BE?

ARLO and JANIS® by Jimmy Johnson

THIS TIME NEXT WEEK, IT WILL BE DARK!
I REALLY DON'T LIKE WALKING IN THE DARK!
EVERYTHING SEEMS SO SINISTER, SO UNFAMILIAR, SO CREEPY, SO...
ENJOY THIS DAYLIGHT
AIIGH

Classic PEANUTS® by Charles M. Schulz

BEETLE BAILEY® by Mort Walker



HI & LOIS® by Mort Walker and Dick Browne

I HAVE TO LOSE TEN POUNDS IN THE NEXT MONTH.
WHY?
TO OFFSET THE TEN POUNDS I'M GOING TO GAIN BETWEEN THANKSGIVING AND THE NEW YEAR.
BRANDON

GRIZZWELLS® by Bill Schorr

HEY, CHECK THAT OUT, GUNTHER!
OH, YEAH... THAT'S SOMETHING THAT'S BEEN GRANDFATHERED INTO THE PARK YEARS AGO
THAT'S MY GRANDFATHER

BORN LOSER® by Art Sansom

SHOULDN'T THIS GAME BE OVER BY NOW?
IT'S GONE INTO OVERTIME.
WHAT DOES THAT ENTAIL?
IT'S LIKE A FIFTH QUARTER.
LEAVE IT TO FOOTBALL TO DIVIDE GAMES INTO FIVE QUARTERS!

FRANK and ERNEST® by Bob Thaves

BLONDIE® by Young and Marshall

BEING CHEAP THESE DAYS IS 'IN'
I KNOW! MY WIFE IS A COUPON-CLIPPING MANIAC!
BLONDIE IS, TOO
IT'S ACTUALLY TRENDY TO BE THRIFTY!
WHICH WOULD MAKE DITHERS A PIONEER
I WAS CHEAP BEFORE CHEAP WAS COOL!

SOUP TO NUTZ™ by Rick Stromoski

KIT'N' CARLYLE® by Larry Wright

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IT WOULD BE A LOT EASIER TO WAKE HER UP IF I COULD WHINE LIKE A DOG, BUT I WOULDN'T HAVE ANY EXTRA CAT LIVES TO LIVE.
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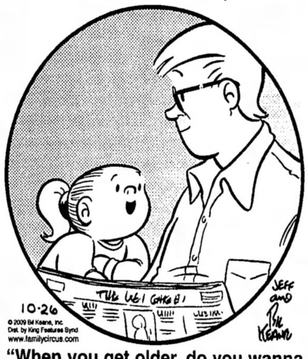
THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



"When you get older, do you wanna be a granddad or a grandpa?"

BIG NATE® by Lincolin Peirce

ADIEU, DEAR MOTHER! I'M OFF FOR A JOLLY NIGHT OF TRICK-OR-TREATING!
NOT BY YOURSELF, YOU'RE NOT.
YOU'RE TOO YOUNG TO GO ALONE, PETER. I'VE HIRED A SITTER TO GO WITH YOU.
OH, HO! YOU DON'T SHAY!
THE LOVELY RACHEL, PERHAPS? THE RAVISHING SHARAH?
NO, THAT BOY FROM UP THE STREET.
PETER, M'LAD!
OH NO.

MARK TRAIL® by Jack Elrod

DO YOU THINK WE'LL EVER COME FISHING HERE AGAIN, MARK?
SURE, IF YOU WANT TO, WE'LL PLAN ON IT!
WHAT ABOUT THE POACHERS? DO WE HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THEM?
NO, WE'LL LET THE RANGERS WORRY ABOUT THEM!
WHEN WE LEAVE TOMORROW, WE'LL GO BY THE WILDLIFE OFFICE AND TELL MY FRIEND ABOUT OUR TRIP!
JACK ELROD

SUDOKU

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

4		2	6			9		1
	9	3				7	6	
1				9				4
			2		7			6
		4				2		
3			4		8			
5				1				9
	7	9				4	1	
6		1			9	3		8

Difficulty Level ★ 10/26

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Answer to previous puzzle

8	1	2	4	6	5	7	9	3
5	3	4	1	9	7	2	8	6
7	9	6	2	8	3	1	4	5
9	7	3	5	4	6	8	2	1
1	6	5	8	7	2	9	3	4
4	2	8	9	3	1	5	6	7
6	4	1	7	2	9	3	5	8
2	8	7	3	5	4	6	1	9
3	5	9	6	1	8	4	7	2

Difficulty Level ★★★★★ 10/25

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THE VALLEY INDEPENDENT Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Wild spree
4 Parting words
8 Cold mo.
11 Russian range
13 Big Dipper bear
14 — — creek
15 Prize winners
17 "Snow" veggie
18 Computer language
19 Luster
21 Joke with
22 Hush-hush org.
23 Rome's river
26 Harder to believe
29 By Jove! (2 wds.)
30 None at all
31 Destroy completely
33 Ivy Leaguer
34 Kind of roast
35 Broad valley
36 She loved Lancelot
38 UPS competitor
39 Fast-food acronym
40 Not masc.
41 Kind of pool
44 Accustomed
48 Galleon cargo
49 Unite
52 Pate topper
53 Not far away
54 Fictional governess
55 Compass pt.
56 Like horror flicks
57 Solidify

DOWN

1 Pounce
2 General vicinity
3 Roams around
4 Construct
5 Mo. multiples
6 Ballpark fig.
7 Impudently
8 Deceive
9 Rapier
10 "Misery" co-star
12 Servant
16 Wildlife refuge
20 Actor — Linden
22 Bottom feeder
23 Affinity
24 Large cay
25 Scoop out water
26 Not exciting
27 Old-time oath
28 Be in control
30 Now, to Caesar
32 Gore- —
34 Ransacking
35 Coy
37 Alias abbr.
38 — shui
40 Tempestuous
41 Drags behind
42 Late spring flower
43 Venetian magistrate
45 Moonbeams
46 To be, in Bordeaux
47 Bug repellent
50 Opposite of "paleo"
51 La Brea — pits

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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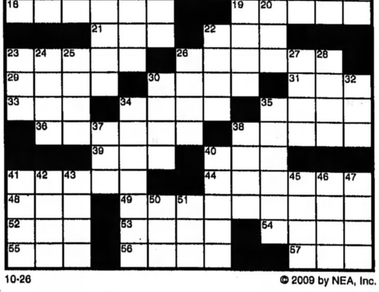

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FEATURES

Frugal Living

Sneak peek inside frugal home

Sara **NOEL**

Do you know a tightwad home when you're inside one?

For many people, penny-pinching strategies aren't noticeable.

However, if you're frugal, you have an eagle's eye. If you visited a fellow frugalista's home, you could spot their frugal ways because you probably do them, too.

What in your home is a dead giveaway that you live a frugal life?

KITCHEN DRAWER: You might see saved rubber bands, free samples, pencil nubs (hey, they still have a point), bread twist ties, folded aluminum foil, used birthday candles, washed plastic baggies or saved bread bags to use for pet care.

FREEZER: What are all those baggies? They're filled with overripe bananas, frozen pesto, broth, make-ahead meals, vegetables or leftovers, of course. You'll see meat bought in bulk and divided into smaller meal-sized portions, too.

CUPBOARDS: There's a full pantry. It often contains preserved foods from a home garden and a food stockpile bought when items were on sale.

One reader, Polly in Pennsylvania, shares: "Homemade mixes line my pantry along with dried beans, rice, a 50-pound bag of potatoes and pecks of apples stored for winter.

There's a flyer on our icebox telling of the butcher's latest chicken specials.

It's what you don't see that's more pronounced. No soda, no chips, no store-bought snack foods, no takeout containers, no bottled water, etc."

You would notice homemade cleaners in spray bottles and very few brand-name foods, too.

REFRIGERATOR: You would see reconstituted powdered milk, iced tea, water, block cheese to shred, bagged apples versus individual, and leftovers ready for lunch the following day.

You would see seasonal fruits and vegetables (often pre-chopped), reusable containers, a few cartons of eggs bought on sale, homemade condiments, syrups and sauce, bulk yeast and maybe some chilling cookie dough.

SINK AND COUNTER AREA: You might see a spray bottle of dish liquid diluted with water to spritz dishes, a toothbrush for scrubbing, dishrags, knitted or crocheted pot scrubbers or dishcloths, microfiber cloths or washcloths versus paper towels.

You would see a kitchen-counter composter (often a coffee container reused) and a change jar, too. Coffee drinkers will have a thermos or carafe to keep coffee hot throughout the day.

LAUNDRY ROOM: You would see the washing-machine water set to cold. You would see a drying rack or retractable clothesline and a laundry loot jar, too.

Another reader, Mary in Texas, shares: "My laundry room is off the kitchen, and there are multiples of Zote soap, Borax and Super Washing Soda, plus a big plastic container of homemade laundry soap."

APPLIANCES AND HELPFUL TOOLS: Most frugal homes have "tools of the trade" that help people save money.

A few appliances that top the list are a food dehydrator, stand mixer and slow cooker. There's a FoodSaver, food processor, grain mill or a spare freezer.

Tools such as a calculator, canner, kitchen scale, manual can opener, box grater, rubber spatula, dry erase board, funnel, kitchen shears and cookbooks are incredibly helpful and are common to see in a frugal kitchen, too.

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Hotel owner under fire

His management style has marked him as a racist.

By The Associated Press

TAOS, N.M. – Larry Whitten marched into this northern New Mexico town in late July on a mission: resurrect a failing hotel.

The tough-talking former Marine laid down some new rules.

Among them, he forbade the Hispanic workers at the run-down, Southwestern adobe-style hotel from speaking Spanish in his presence (he thought they'd be talking about him), and ordered some to Anglicize their names.

No more Martin (Mahr-TEEN). It was plain-old Martin.

Whitten's management style had worked for him as he's turned around other distressed hotels he bought in recent years across the country.

The 63-year-old Texan, however, wasn't prepared for what followed.

His rules and his firing of several Hispanic employees angered his employees and many in this liberal enclave of 5,000 residents at the base of the Sangre de Cristo mountains, where the most alternative of lifestyles can find a home and where Spanish language, culture and traditions have a long and revered history.

"I came into this landmine of Anglos versus Spanish versus Mexicans versus Indians versus everybody up here. I'm just doing what I've always done," he says.

Former workers, their relatives and some town residents picketed across the street from the hotel.

"I do feel he's a racist, but he's a racist out of ignorance. He doesn't know that what he's doing is wrong," says protester Juanito Burns Jr., who identified himself as prime minister of an activist group called Los Brown Berets de Nuevo Mexico.

The Virginia-born Whitten had spent 40 years in the hotel business, turning around more than 20 hotels in Texas, Oklahoma, Florida and South Carolina, before moving with his wife to Taos from Abilene, Texas.

He had visited Taos before, and liked its beauty. When Whitten saw that the Paragon Inn was up for sale, he jumped at it.

The hotel sits along narrow, two-lane Paseo del Pueblo, where souped-up lowriders radiate a just-waxed gleam in the soft sunshine as they cruise past centuries-old adobe buildings.

One recent afternoon, a woman slowly rode her fat-tire bicycle along a cracked sidewalk, oversized purple butterfly wings on her back and a breeze blowing her long, blonde dreadlocks.

The community includes Taos Pueblo, an American Indian dwelling inhabited for more than 1,000 years, and an adobe Catholic church made famous in a Georgia O'Keeffe painting.

Some employees were fired, Whitten says, because they were hostile and insubordinate. He says they called him "a white (N-word)."

Whitten says it's a routine practice at his hotels to change first names of employees who work the front desk phones or deal directly with guests if their names are difficult to understand or pronounce.

Martin Gutierrez, another fired employee, says he felt disrespected when he was told to use the unaccented Martin as his name.

"I don't have to change my name and language or heritage," he says. "I'm professional the way I am."

Taos Mayor Darren Cordova said Whitten wasn't doing anything illegal. But he says Whitten failed to better familiarize himself with the town and its culture before deciding to buy the hotel for $2 million. "Taos is so unique that you would not do anything in Taos that you would do elsewhere," he says.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Today's clue: K equals L

"AU SRWO VYX IYZW LWXAVA'KKAX TMS TU ITKCO PGWYC, SRWO VYX EMGW IYZW ETIWSRAXN TMS TU OTM." - IMRYIIYC YKA

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "I want a man who's kind and understanding. Is that too much to ask of a millionaire?" - Zsa Zsa Gabor

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CALENDAR WATCH

Tuesday

■ Family Fun Hour, Monongahela Area Library, 6:30 p.m.

■ Free flu vaccine, provided by the state Department of Health and Washington County Health Partners, Wayman-Quinn AME Church, 318 McKee Way, Monessen, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

■ "Careers Within State Government" job fair, Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, 230 Reed Ave., Monessen, 1 to 4 p.m.

■ Mon Valley Serra Club meeting, JEM Lounge, Fallowfield Township, 6:30 p.m.

■ Seniors for Safe Driving highway safety education program, Monessen Senior Center, 5 to 8:30 p.m.

■ Aide to state Rep. Peter J. Daley offers help with state forms and applications, Monongahela Council Chambers, 449 W. Main St., 9:30 to 11 a.m.

■ Mom's Shower, Monongahela Valley Hospital Anthony M. Lombardi Education Conference Center, 11 a.m.

■ Public cardiopulmonary resuscitation instruction, Monongahela Valley Hospital Anthony M. Lombardi Education Conference Center, 6 p.m.

■ Valley Seniors Club meeting, Riverside Place, Charleroi, 1 p.m.

■ Angel Food Ministry food registration, First Presbyterian Church, 609 Chess St., Monongahela, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

■ Clothing ministry, Fellowship Baptist Church, Knox Avenue, Monessen, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

■ American Legion Auxiliary Unit 212, Donora, meeting, post, 7 p.m.

VALLEY GRAPEVINE

Donora Class of 1943 sets luncheon event

The Donora High School Class of 1943 will have a luncheon get-together 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Campa's Restaurant in Donora. For reservations, call (724) 379-8662.

Scaryopolis set in Perryopolis

Scaryopolis 2, sponsored by the Perryopolis Parks and Recreation Authority, will take place 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday. The event will comprise such family-oriented activities as a haunted hay ride, bon fire, fortune teller and creepy cuisine. Proceeds will benefit restoration of the old State Bank Building and Museum.

Donora Class of 1952 plans monthly luncheon

The Donora High School Class of 1952 will meet for its monthly luncheon 1:15 p.m. Friday at Paolo's Restaurant, Charleroi. Call Rita for reservations.

Halloween dance set

The Bentleyville Recreation Board will sponsor a Halloween Masquerade Dance 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday at Ave Maria School in Ellsworth. The bring-your-own bottle event will comprise entertainment, food, beer, cash prizes, door prizes, games of chance and contests.

Smorgasbord planned at St. Nicholas Orthodox

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, Sixth Street, Monongahela, will sponsor a smorgasbord noon Sunday. A Chinese auction and bingo will take place 4 to 7 p.m.

Leaf pickup planned in Speers, Mapleview

Leaves will be picked up from now to Dec. 1 in Speers and Mapleview. Leaves should be placed at the curb or bagged at the curb. The refuse collector also will pick leaves up on regular pickup days.

St. Joseph Ladies Guild planning jewelry show

A jewelry show, to benefit St. Joseph Ladies Guild, will take place 6 p.m. Tuesday at St. Joseph social hall, Roscoe. The event will include fashions and prizes. For information, call Julie at (412) 418-2647.

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TV LISTINGS

Hubby insists about repeating cruel prophecy about his son

Dear **ABBY**

DEAR ABBY: My brother, "Luke," died young due to drug addiction.

When our son, "Adam," misbehaves, my husband blames me.

He says Adam is going to end up "just like Luke," and it will be my fault.

My mother bailed my brother out of his problems, but I have never done that with our son.

I have told my husband numerous times how cruel it is to suggest Adam could end up like Luke, but he continues to say it and then "remind" me if it happens, it will be because of me.

My husband is a wonderful man in every other way, but he doesn't seem to realize how hurtful and unnecessary his cruel words are when he compares our son to my brother. — **SAD MOM IN TEXAS**

DEAR SAD MOM: Wake up and smell the coffee.

Your husband realizes exactly how cruel that comparison is, and has since the first time you expressed how deeply hurtful it was.

I see nothing helpful or constructive about comparing your son to a boy who died too young and too soon.

If it's said in front of Adam often, it could become a self-fulfilling prophecy. (Nothing like the power of suggestion.)

So stop feeling victimized and demand that your "wonderful" husband cut it out, because if something should happen, the fault will be HIS.

DEAR ABBY: I work at a school as an educational assistant.

There are fewer than 100 kids in the entire high school, and I have gotten to know them all.

When I go around the small neighborhoods trick-or-treating with my little ones, I see the high school kids in their costumes as well. They are well-behaved and having a good time.

Some of the teachers say the kids are too old to be trick-or-treating and they should "get a life."

Well, their "life" is this small town, and I see nothing wrong with them participating in a good time along with the younger ones.

They're not causing trouble.

There is very little for them to do outside of school and sports, and Halloween is an opportunity for them to have fun.

What's your opinion?

Are high school-age children too old to trick-or-treat? — **CONCERNED FOR THE KIDS**

DEAR CONCERNED: I see nothing wrong with the high school kids dressing up and having a good time trick-or-treating on Halloween.

The teachers who feel the kids are too old should be less critical.

A positive — and age-appropriate — alternative would be for the school to arrange a party or a dance that evening.

Considering the fact that it's a small town and the student body is small, it should be manageable.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are Civil War re-enactors. (My husband is a cannon soldier and I am a nurse re-enactor.)

We would greatly appreciate it if you would remind your readers that if they come to any of the re-enactments to please not talk to the participants while they are firing weapons in "battle" because it could distract them.

Something could go wrong and they could be badly injured.

Thank you, Abby. — **CIVIL WAR RE-ENACTOR IN ELMIRA, N.Y.**

DEAR RE-ENACTOR: I'm pleased to pass along your important reminder.

It would be a shame if someone became a casualty of a war that ended in 1865.

People who attend a war re-enactment should realize they are watching a performance, and not participating in "history."

(Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.)

MONDAY EVENING — OCTOBER 26, 2009

	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30	12AM	12:30	1AM	1:30	2AM	2:30
CBS (2) KDKA (7) WTRF (10) WTAJ	(2) KDKA-TV News at Six (7) News (10) WTAJ News at 6	(7) (10) CBS Evening News With Katie Couric (N)	(2) CBS Evening News-Couric (7) Entertainment (10) Inside	(2) The Insider (N) (7) Inside Edition (10) Two and a Half Men	How I Met Your Mother "The Stinsons" Secret girlfriend.	Accidentally on Purpose "Pilot" Unexpected pregnancy.	Two and a Half Men Pictures of a naked woman.	(:31) The Big Bang Theory Leonard asks Penny for advice.	CSI: Miami "Smoke Gets in Your CSIs" A murderer puts Ryan's and Calleigh's lives at risk.		(2) KDKA-TV News at 11 (7) News (10) WTAJ News at 11	(:35) Late Show With David Letterman Charles Barkley; Rod Stewart. (N)	(:37) The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson Sherri Shepherd; Alex Dryden. (N)		(2) (:37) Extra (N) (7) (:37) The Dr. Oz Show (10) (:37) Paid Program	(2) (10) (:07) Paid Program	(2) (:37) Paid Program (7) (10) (:37) Up to the Minute (N)
ABC (4) WTAE (23) WATM	(4) Action News at 6 (23) Deal No	ABC's World News With Charles Gibson (N)	(4) Inside Edition (23) Jeopardy! (N)	(4) Entertainment Tonight (23) Wheel of Fortune	Dancing With the Stars Celebrities and their dance partners perform. (Live)				(:02) Castle "Vampire Weekend" The body of a young man is found with a stake through his heart. (N)		(4) Ch. 4 Action News at 11 (23) News	(:35) Nightline (N)	(12:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live Kelsey Grammer; Stana Katic; Motorhead.		(4) (:06) Oprah Winfrey (23) (:06) Paid Program	(23) (:36) RENO 911! Visits ex.	(:06) Paid Program	(4) Ch. 4 Action News at 11 (23) Paid Prog
NBC (6) WJAC (9) WTOV (11) WPXI	(6) WJAC-TV News at 6 PM (N) (9) News (N) (11) Channel 11 News (N)	NBC Nightly News (N)	(6) Entertainment Tonight (N) (9) (11) Jeopardy! (N)	(6) Who Wants to Be a Millionaire (9) (11) Wheel of Fortune	Heroes "Strange Attractors" Gretchen and Claire are hazed by their new sorority sisters. (N)		Trauma "Masquerade" A Halloween party turns into chaos; Glenn and Nancy's shift takes a bizarre turn. (N)		The Jay Leno Show Phil McGraw. (N)		(6) WJAC-TV News (9) News (11) Ch. 11 News	(:35) The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien Capt. Sullenberger; Wolfmother. (N)	(:37) Late Night With Jimmy Fallon		(:36) Last Call With Carson Daly Chris Pratt; The Like.	(:05) Poker After Dark Tom Dwan; Kenny Tran; Phil Laak; Antonio Esfandiari; Phil Hellmuth; Bob Safai.	
FOX (8) WWCP (53) WPGH	(8) Seinfeld (53) Two and a Half Men	(8) The Simpsons (53) My Name Is Earl	(8) That '70s Show (53) Two and a Half Men	(8) My Name Is Earl (53) Seinfeld	So You Think You Can Dance The contestants a chance to perform without fear of elimination. (N)		Lie to Me A person from Lightman's past pulls him into a dangerous criminal conspiracy. (N)		(8) News (53) Channel 11 News	(8) (:35) My Name Is Earl "Stole an RV"	(8) (:05) Everybody Loves Raymond (53) Seinfeld	(8) (:35) Seinfeld (53) My Name Is Earl	(8) Star Trek: The Next Generation (53) Frasier	(53) Paid Program	(8) (:05) Paid Program (53) Paid Program	(8) (:35) Paid Program (53) Paid Program	(8) (:05) Paid Program (53) George Lopez	(8) Paid Prog (53) House of Payne
(13) WQED	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Nightly Business Report	OnQ	Antiques Roadshow "Unique Antiques"		American Experience "The Crash of 1929"		Herbert Hoover: Landslide (N)		Charlie Rose (N)		OnQ		Smart Travels: Europe	American Experience "The Crash of 1929"		Antiques Roadshow "Unique Antiques"
(19) WPCW	The People's Court (N)		The Office	The Office "Fun Run"	One Tree Hill "I and Love and You" (N)		Gossip Girl "How to Succeed in Bassness" (N)		10 O'Clock News	The Nightly Sports Call	Everybody-Raymond	Malcolm In the Middle	According to Jim		King of the Hill	South Park	Paid Program	Paid Program	Roseanne
(22) WPMY	Simpsons	Family Guy	Simpsons	Family Guy	Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		Law & Order: SVU		Star Trek: Next Gener.		Paid Prog		Paid Prog	Bernie Mac	My Wife	Half & Half	Half & Half
(40) WPCB	The 700 Club		Focus 4 "Prayer One"		Soulmate Single women.			Love-Think.	Origins	Quick Study	Nwswtch	The Place for Me	Miracles		All World	Focus 4		Heritage	Munroe
(69) WBGN	Punk'd	Sports Talk	Sports Talk		Eye Eye	RENO 911!	Laguna	RENO 911!	Top Country Hits of 90s		Cheaters	Laguna	Paid Prog.		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
A&E	CSI: Miami "Recoil"		Criminal Minds		Intervention		Intervention "Cristy"		Extreme Paranormal (N)		Extreme Paranormal		(12:01) Intervention		(:01) Intervention "Cristy"			(:01) Extreme Paranormal	
ABCFAM	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	'70s Show	'70s Show	Lincoln Heights (N)		Greek "The Wish-Pretzel"		Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club		Lincoln Heights		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
AMC	(5:30) ★ "Exorcist: The Beginning" (2004, Horror)				★ "Thirteen Ghosts" (2001)		Tony Shalhoub. Premiere.		★★★ "Halloween" (1978)		Donald Pleasence.		★ "Thirteen Ghosts" (2001)		Tony Shalhoub.			★★ "Raising Cain" (1992)	
ANPL	Night	Night	Raw Nature		Wild Russia "Caucasus"		Wild Russia Siberia.		Animal Cops Houston (N)		Wild Russia "Caucasus"		Wild Russia Siberia.		Animal Cops Houston			Raw Nature	
BBC	Ramsay's Kitchen		BBC World News America		Top Gear		Top Gear		BBC World News America		Top Gear		Top Gear		Top Gear			Top Gear	
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live				★★★ "Boyz N the Hood" (1991) Larry Fishburne.				Pay It Off		The Mo'Nique Show		The Wendy Williams Show		★★★ "Boyz N the Hood" (1991) Larry Fishburne.				
BRAVO	Million Dollar Listing		Real Housewives-Atlanta		Real Housewives-Atlanta		Real Housewives-Atlanta		Million Dollar Listing (N)		Million Dollar Listing		Top Chef: Las Vegas		Million Dollar Listing			Flipping Out "Baby Boom"	
CMT	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition "Ripatti Family"				Smarter	Smarter	Cheer	Cheer	World's Strictest Parents		World's Strictest Parents		Smarter	Smarter	Cheer	Cheer		The Singing Bee	
CNBC	Mad Money		Kudlow Report		Biography on CNBC		The NEW Age of Wal-Mart		The Entrepreneurs		Mad Money		The NEW Age of Wal-Mart		The Entrepreneurs			Paid Prog	Paid Prog
CNN	Situation Room-Wolf Blitzer		Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360			Anderson Cooper 360	
COM	(5:00) ★ "The Ex" (2006)		Jeff Dunham	Tosh.0	★ "Scary Movie 2" (2001) Shawn Wayans.				Futurama	Futurama	Daily Show	Colbert	Jeff Dunham	Tosh.0	Futurama	Daily Show		Colbert	Barcena
CSPAN	(5:00) House of Representatives				Tonight From Washington				Capital News Today									Today In Washington	
DISC	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	Man vs. Wild		Man vs. Wild		County Jail: Oakland (N)		Destroyed	Destroyed	Man vs. Wild		County Jail: Oakland		Destroyed	Destroyed		Cash Cab	Cash Cab
DISNEY	Phineas-Ferb	Zack & Cody	Wizards	Montana	"Halloweentown II: Kalabar's Revenge"			Phineas-Ferb	Phineas-Ferb	Montana	Wizards	That's-Raven	Life Derek	Cory	Replace	Kim Possible		Emperor	Dragon
E!	Curse of the Lottery		E! News (N)	The Daily 10	Teenage Trafficking		Little Girl Gone		Girls	Girls	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	Girls	Girls	The Soup		Wild Cop	Chelsea
ESPN	Monday Night Kickoff		Monday Night Countdown (Live)		NFL Football Philadelphia Eagles at Washington Redskins. (Live)							SportsCenter (Live)			NFL PrimeTime (N)			SportsCenter (Live)	
ESPNC	NHRA Drag Racing		SportsCentury		SportsCentury		Boxing		Boxing: 1975 Ali vs. Frazier III			Boxing		Boxing	Boxing 1975 Ali vs. Wepner.				Boxing
ESPN2	Horn	Interruption	30 for 30		NBA 10	Baseball Tonight	Web Gem	World Series	2009 World Series of Poker		E:60 (N)		SportsNation		NFL Films	NFL's Greatest Game			
EWTN	Vatican	Theology	Daily Mass: Our Lady		The Journey Home		Letter-Spirit	Holy Rosary	Abundant Life		The World Over		Daily Mass: Our Lady		The Journey Home			Angelica Live	
FNC	Special Report		FOX Report-Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor (N)		Hannity (N)		On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		On the Record			Glenn Beck	
FOOD	Paula's Best	Minute	Challenge		Good Eats	Good Eats	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Diners	Diners	Good Eats	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Diners	Diners		Good Eats	Unwrapped
FSN	Pens Rewind	Raw Tapes	College Football Shippensburg at Bloomsburg. (Taped)						Raw Tapes	Final Score	Jay Glazer	Final Score	Best Damn Top 50 Special		Final Score	Final Score		Premier League	
FX	★ "Wild Hogs" (2007) Tim Allen, John Travolta.				★★ "Underworld: Evolution" (2006, Horror) Kate Beckinsale.						★ "The Grudge 2" (2006, Horror) Amber Tamblyn.			'70s Show	'70s Show	'70s Show		Paid Prog	Paid Prog
GOLF	Golf Central	Top 10	Learning	Golf	The Golf Fix	Top 10	Big Break Disney Golf		Lessons	Learning	The Golf Fix	Golf Central	Big Break Disney Golf		Lessons	Learning		The Golf Fix	Golf
GSN	Newlywed	Catch 21	Deal or No Deal		Family Feud	Family Feud	Newlywed	Catch 21	Millionaire	Lingo	Deal or No Deal		Be a Millionaire		Jeopardy!	Hollywood		Pyramid	Pyramid
HALL	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Touched by an Angel		"The Good Witch" (2008, Drama) Catherine Bell.				Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls		Cheers	Cheers
HGTV	To Sell	Big Amazing	House	House	Property	Property	House	First Place	House	For Rent	Intervention	First Place	House	First Place	House	For Rent		Intervention	First Place
HIST	Investigating History		Modern Marvels		Death Masks (N)				Bloodlines: Dracula Family		Haunted History-Halloween		(12:01) Death Masks					Bloodlines: Dracula Family	
LIFE	Grey's Anatomy		Grey's Anatomy		Medium		Medium		Medium		Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Frasier	Frasier	Will & Grace	Medium "Jump Start"		Paid Prog.	
MSNBC	The Ed Show		Hardball		Countdown-Olbermann		The Rachel Maddow Show		Countdown-Olbermann		The Rachel Maddow Show		Hardball		Countdown-Olbermann			The Rachel Maddow Show	
MTV	Disaster	Parental	World's Strictest Parents		Fantasy	Fantasy	Gone Too Far "Gina"		Gone Too Far "Gary" (N)		Gone Too Far "Gary"		Real World-Road Rules		True Life			Gone Too Far "Gary"	
NICK	iCarly	The Troop	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Glenn Martin	Malcolm	Hates Chris	Hates Chris	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	Malcolm	Malcolm	Lopez	Lopez		Hates Chris	Hates Chris
OXY	★★ "Look Who's Talking" (1989) John Travolta.				★★ "Legally Blonde" (2001)		Reese Witherspoon.		★★ "Legally Blonde" (2001)		Reese Witherspoon.		The Tyra Show		The Tyra Show			Naughty Kitchen	
PCN	PCN Tours		PCN Call-In (Live)		PA Press	PCN	Elec 2009	Elec 2009	Election 2009		PCN Evening - pcntv.com		PCN Late Night - pcntv.com					Deutsche Welle News	
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SPIKE	(5:30) ★★★ "Kill Bill: Vol. 1" (2003) Uma Thurman.				★★★ "Kill Bill: Vol. 2" (2004, Action) Uma Thurman, David Carradine.						★ "Resident Evil" (2002, Horror) Milla Jovovich.				MANswers	MANswers		MANswers	MANswers
SYFY	(5:00) "The Rapture" (1991)		Ghost Whisperer		Ghost Whisperer		Ghost Whisperer		Ghost Whisperer		Monster (N)	Monster (N)	Macross Plus 1		The X-Files "Bad Blood"			The X-Files "Syzygy"	
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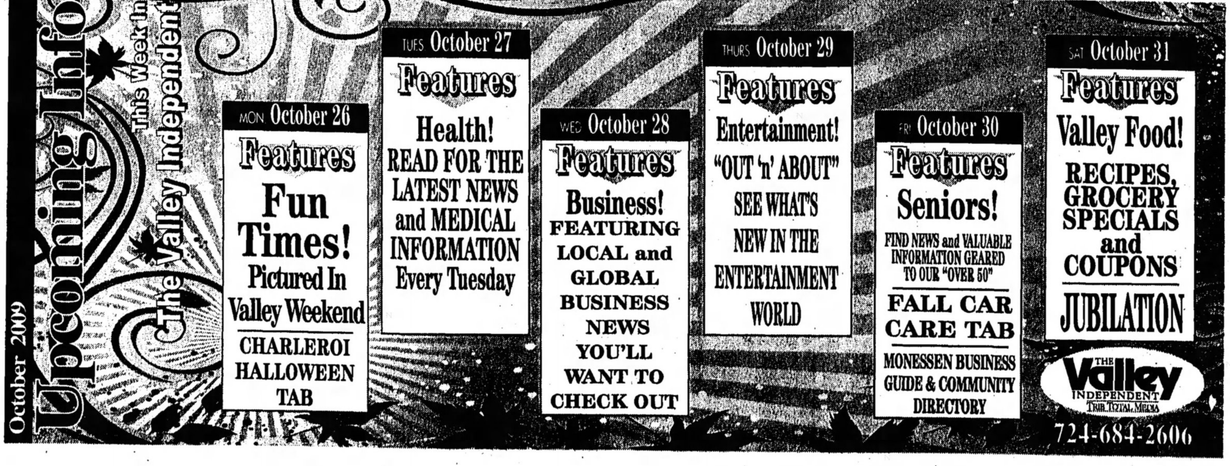
TCM	★★★ "Boys' Night Out" (1962) Kim Novak.				★★ "Glory Alley" (1952) Raoul Meeker.		★★ "Chandler" (1971) Warren Oates.				★★★ "Promise Her Anything" (1966) Warren Beatty.				★★ "Valentino" (1977) Rudolf Nureyev, Leslie Caron.				
TLC	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Little People	Little People	Jon & Kate Plus 8 (N)		Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Little People	Little People	Jon & Kate Plus 8		Cake Boss	Cake Boss		Cake Boss	Cake Boss
TNT	Law & Order "Gaijin"		Bones		Bones		The Closer "Identity Theft"		The Closer "Good Faith"		Raising the Bar		Raising the Bar		CSI: NY "Jamalot"			Cold Case "The Key"	
TOON	"Scooby-Doo!"		Scooby-Doo	★★ "Casper: A Spirited Beginning" (1997, Comedy)				Goosebumps	King of Hill	King of Hill	Family Guy	Family Guy	Chicken	Hungerforce	Stroker-Hoop	Awesome		King of Hill	King of Hill
TRAVEL	Anthony Bourdain		Anthony Bourdain		America Haunts		Bizarre Foods-Zimmern		Anthony Bourdain		Madventures	Madventures	America Haunts		Bizarre Foods-Zimmern			Anthony Bourdain	
TRUTV	Wildest Police Videos		Cops	Cops	Bait Car (N)	Bait Car (N)	Worked	Worked	Oper. Repo	Oper. Repo	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic		Forensic	Forensic
TVLAND	Little House on the Prairie		Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne		Cosby Show	Cosby Show
USA	NCIS "Under Covers"		NCIS "Judgment Day"		NCIS "Judgment Day"		WWE Monday Night Raw (Live)				(:05) White Collar "Pilot"			(:35) Psych		(:35) Monk			White Collar
VH1	Real Chance of Love		Real Chance of Love		Real Chance of Love		Real Chance of Love (Season Finale) (N)		Master P		Real Chance of Love			Master P	My Antonio			Real Chance of Love	
VS.	Sports Soup	Sports	Sports	Sports	NHL Hockey Minnesota Wild at Chicago Blackhawks. (Live)				Hockey		World Extreme Cagefighting				World Extreme Cagefighting				
WE	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Ghost Whisperer		Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Ghost Whisperer			The Wedding Planners	
WGN	Becker	Becker	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		WGN News at Nine (N)		Scrubs	Scrubs	South Park	South Park	Star Trek: Next Gener.			The Bob & Tom Show	
ENC	(4:15) 21	(:20) ★★ "Rocky IV" (1985, Drama)			★★★ "Superbad" (2007, Comedy) Jonah Hill.				★★ "Porky's" (1981) Dan Monahan.		(:40) ★★★ "The Terminator" (1984)				★★ "21" (2008) Jim Sturgess.				
HBO	★ "Shutter" (2008) Joshua Jackson.		24/7		★★★ "Marley & Me" (2008) Owen Wilson.				★★ "Get Smart" (2008, Comedy) Steve Carell.			Cathouse	★★★ "All" (2001, Biography) Will Smith, Jamie Foxx.						
MAX	★★★ "Role Models" (2008)			(:45) ★★★ "Basic Instinct" (1992, Suspense) Michael Douglas.					★★★ "Burn After Reading" (2008)		"Co-ed Confidential 3: Spring Break".			(:10) ★ "What Happens In Vegas" (2008)					
SHOW	(5:25) ★★ "Phenomenon" (1996) ITV.			"The Cake Eaters" (2007, Drama) ITV.				Dexter "Dirty Harry" (ITV)	Californ	Californ	Dexter "Dirty Harry" (ITV)	★ "Hounddog" (2007) Dakota Fanning.			(:45) "Funny Money" (2006) Chevy Chase.				
STARZ	(5:25) "Righteous Kill"		(:10) ★ "Never Back Down" (2008) Djimon Hounsou.					(:10) ★★★ "Cadillac Records" (2008) Adrien Brody.	Crash		★★★ "Kate & Leopold" (2001) Meg Ryan.				(:10) "Never Back Down"				
TMC	★★★ "A Mighty Heart" (2007) Angelina Jolie.				★★★ "1408" (2007, Horror) John Cusack.				★★ "Beowulf" (2007) Voices of Ray Winstone.		★ "Do You Wanna Know a Secret?"				(:35) "Fling" (2008) Brandon Routh.				



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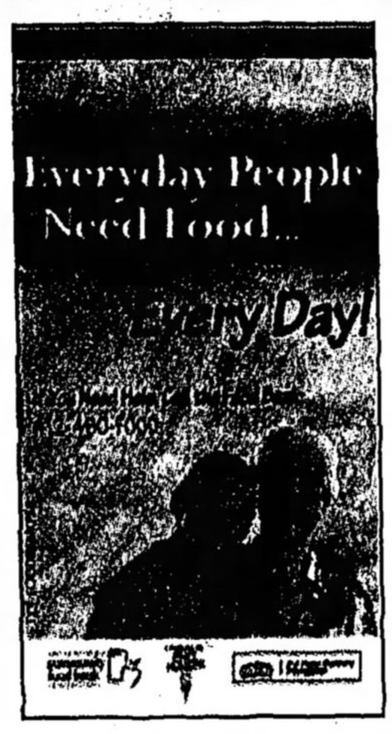

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Each bid shall be accompanied by a Bid security made payable to the Owner in the amount stated above. The Bid security shall be in the form of a certified check or a Bid Bond with a surety company satisfactory to the Owner. The Bid security pledges that the Bidder will not withdraw his Bid for the time period designated on the Bid Form; and that if it's Bid is accepted, it will enter into a Contract with the Owner on the terms stated in its Bid; and that it will furnish the required bonds and insurance coverage; and that should the bidder fail to enter into such Contract or fail to furnish the required bonds and insurance coverage within the time period designated in the Bid Form, the Bid security shall be forfeited to the Owner as liquidated damages and not as a penalty.
Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities or irregularities in any bid received.

A pre-bid conference will be held on the date and time listed above in this Advertisement. Bidders will meet at the office of the California Area High School. After the pre-bid conference, the Bidders will be permitted to inspect the area of the work. This will be the only opportunity to inspect the area of the work. This contract shall be subject to the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act of August 15, 1961, P.L. 987, as amended 43 P.S. section 165 et. seq. Workers shall not be paid less than the prevailing minimum wages as set forth in applicable schedule.

No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days once filed with the California Area School District. The California Area School District reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informality in the bids received.
The California Area School District is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Linda Mancini, Superintendent
California Area School District
10/17,24,26

General
Jobs

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Donora Site

Southwest Behavioral Care, Inc. is now accepting applications for a part-time worker in the Crisis Intervention Services Program. Responsibilities include maintaining the general safety, security of consumers in crisis and aids consumers with the implementation of their individualized service plans. Must be available to work shifts. Qualified individuals should forward resume to: Office of Human Resources, 300 Chamber Plaza, Charleroi, PA 15022, Attn: Dept. 0998. For additional information, log on to our home page address at: www.sphs.org. Our email address is: postmaster@sphs.org.

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Legals

Disposable Briefs & Underpads
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SEALED BIDS for the furnishing, delivering of "Disposable Briefs & Underpads" for the Washington County Health Center and Correctional Facility, Washington, PA 15301 will be received at the Office of the County Controller, 100 West Beau Street, Suite 403, Courthouse Square Office Building, Washington, Pennsylvania 15301, until 11:00 A.M. Prevailing Time, on Wednesday, November 18, 2009 and immediately thereafter will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Purchasing Office, Room 402 of the Washington County Courthouse Square Building. (Late bids are not accepted.)

All bids must be submitted as ONE ORIGINAL + 2 COPIES according to the specifications and upon a uniform proposal blank. Please also submit bid submission on compact disc in Microsoft word or .pdf file format. Specifications and proposal blanks may be picked up at the Washington County Purchasing Office, 100 West Beau Street, Suite 402, Washington, PA 15301 or by submitting a written request to this address. Bidders may fax their written request to the Washington County Purchasing Office at 724-250-6555.

You may obtain the above-mentioned bid proposal from the Washington County Web Site at www.co.washington.pa.us. Vendors receiving bids from the web site are responsible for checking for contract changes at the web site.

Bid Securities are not required.

SEALED BID ENVELOPE MUST BE MARKED:
BID: Briefs & Underpads
CONTRACT NO. 111809-2BU

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Bid Notices

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Outdoor Equipment Repair
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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The above request for proposal may be obtained from the Washington County website at: http://www.co.washington.pa.us. Vendors receiving bid proposals from web site are responsible for obtaining changes from web site.

Bid securities are not required.

SEALED BID ENVELOPE
MUST BE MARKED:

BID: Outdoor Equipment Repair & Supplies
CONTRACT NO. 111209-1OER

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WASHINGTON COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS:

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ATTEST:

MARY E. HELICKE,
CHIEF CLERK
10/22,26

Government Notices

Legals

NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING
ON PROPOSED
EQUIPMENT
FINANCING

Carroll Township
Volunteer Fire
Department

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Body of the Volunteer Fire Department will meet at the time, date and place noted below in order to hold a public hearing under the requirements of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, on a proposal that the Volunteer Fire Department enter into a lease-purchase agreement to finance certain equipment.

Meeting Date/Time:
Monday, November 9, 2009
at 7 P.M.

Meeting Location:
Carroll Twp. VFD

To finance the costs of the equipment (which is described generally below) and the expenses incidental to the financing, the Volunteer Fire Department proposes to enter into a lease-purchase agreement in the aggregate principal amount stated below. The Volunteer Fire Department will be required to pay all rent for the equipment, to pay all expenses of operating, maintaining and insuring the equipment and to pay all taxes on the equipment. The Volunteer Fire Department's obligations under the lease-purchase agreement will be secured by a security interest in the equipment.

Equipment Description:
Pumper/Rescue

Equipment Location:
Carroll Twp. Volunteer Fire Dept., Rt. 837, Carroll Twp.

Amount to be Financed:
$438,000

All persons interested may appear and be heard at said time and place or may file written comments with the Governing Body of the Volunteer Fire Department prior to the date of the public hearing set forth above.

BY ORDER OF THE
GOVERNING BODY OF:
Carroll Twp. Volunteer
Fire Department

ATTEST:
Mike Cramer
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10/26

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NOTICE

The following Ordinance is being proposed by the Council of the Borough of Donora at its next regularly scheduled meeting on November 12, 2009.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF DONORA, WASHINGTON COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, FOR THE ERECTION OF TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES COMMONLY KNOWN AS STOP SIGNS ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF 8TH STREET AT THE INTERSECTION OF 8TH STREET AND ALLEN AVENUE AND THE INTERSECTION OF 8TH STREET AND VAN AVENUE.

A copy of the proposed Ordinance may be examined at the Office of the Borough Administrator, Municipal Building, 603 Meldon Avenue, Donora, PA or the Washington County Law Library, Washington County Courthouse, Washington, PA.

Jerome Stokes
Borough Administrator
10/26

real estate

Houses/Washington

Real Estate-For Sale

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FALLOWFIELD TWP. New Price. Nicely redone 3 bedroom home with off street parking in nice neighborhood! The price is right! $34,900.

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UNION TWP.:
Level Lot. Can be used for mobile or garage. $15,000.
Table Top Lot perfect for small home or mobile. Asking $29,900.
CHARLEROI This building would be great for office with apt. on 2nd floor. Call for details. $38,000.

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Houses/Westmoreland

Real Estate-For Sale

MONESSEN City Park area beautiful 3 bedroom brick ranch, completely remodeled. All new hardwood floors, windows, roof, doors, kitchen, 2 bathrooms, professionally landscaped. Finished basement w/fireplace & bar. Lots of storage & garage. By owner, must see. $129,900. 724-331-1811.

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Houses/Westmoreland

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Houses/Other Areas

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Apartments/Westmoreland

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Houses/Fayette

Real Estate-For Rent

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Houses/Washington

Real Estate-For Rent

CHARLEROI 1 bedroom, living room, full bath, kitchen, stove, refrigerator, laundry room, ½ garage, small yard, small pet okay. New carpet & paint. $350+ utilities & security. Call 724-483-4205.

CHARLEROI 3 bedroom, equipped kitchen, fenced yard. No pets. $450 plus security deposit. Hud approved. Call 724-258-8635.

DONORA
2 bedroom house, bath, A/C, yard. Some utilities. Hud accepted.
N. CHARLEROI
3 bedroom, kitchen, living room, 1 ½ bath, A/C. Some utilities. Hud accepted.
724-554-1523

DONORA
3/4 Bedroom
SECTION 8 OK
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MONONGAHELA
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Houses/Westmoreland

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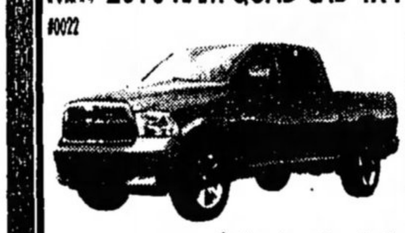
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Auto

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October 24 through November 21

Because sensitivities to your surroundings are likely to be greatly increased in the year ahead, so will your successes. You will make the most of those lucky breaks that could be coming your way.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Because you could be exceptionally fortunate with regard to end results, clear up and finalize that important matter. Everything will go your way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- You won't be simply spinning your wheels in the idea department. Your talents will be in high gear, working on a project bigger than you've ever imagined.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Working on materially motivated projects is likely to be considered fun and games for you. There's also a strong possibility that you'll make a financial killing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Friends or associates who are looking to you for guidance won't be disappointed. You won't have any trouble leading them to places where success will be the order of the day.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Give credence to your instincts, which are considered to be quite accurate by recipients of these abilities in the past. Your hunches won't let you down.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- You're in a good frame of mind to tackle a goal that up until now has been too challenging. Once your fears dissipate, you'll handle it just fine.

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GRC Membership Info

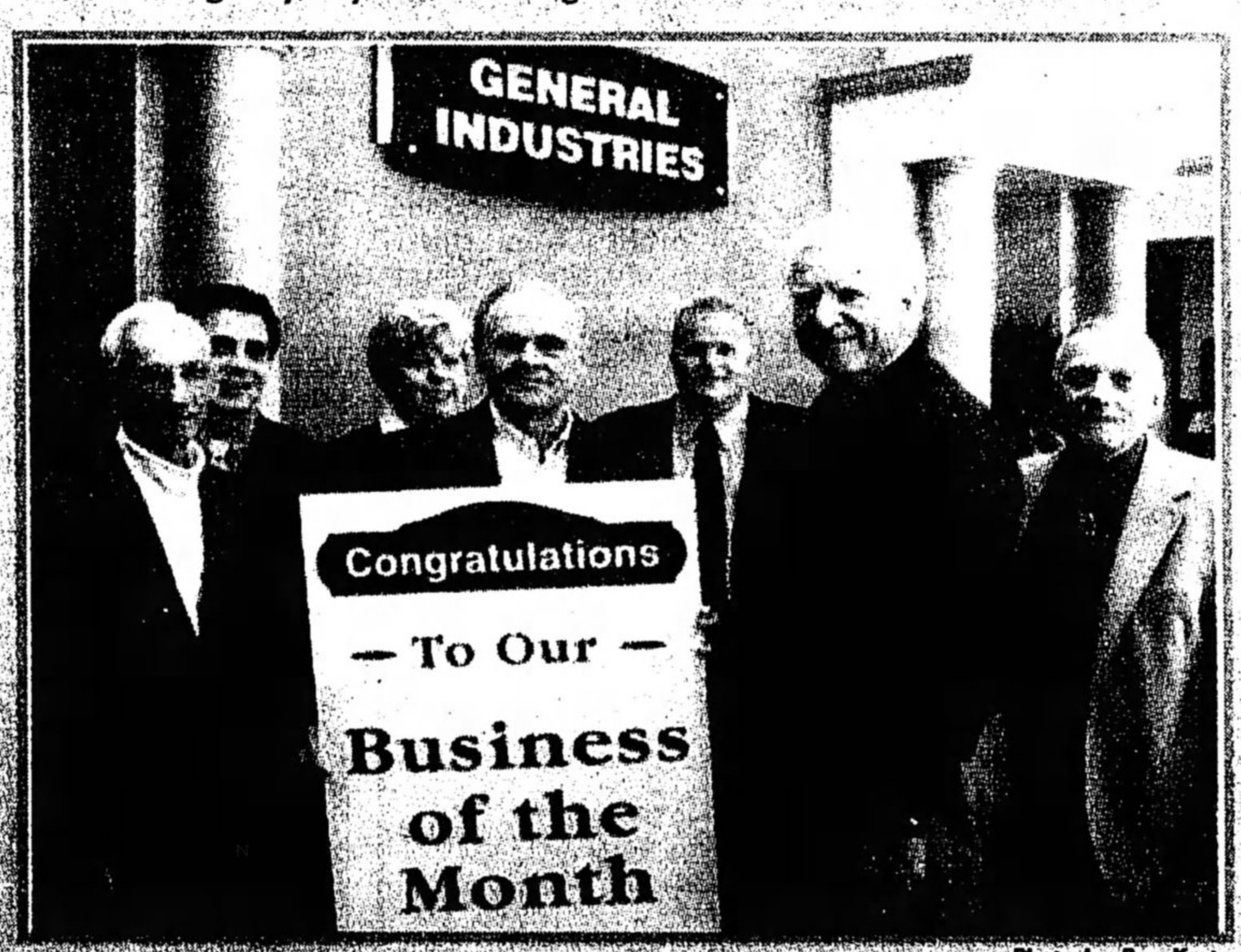
Date: *10/27/09*
Time: *Noon*
Where:
Hoss's Steak & Sea House

On The Agenda ..:.

- "30 Second" Commercial Introductions
- Upcoming Chamber Event Updates
- October Business Of The Month General Industries

Speaker This Month:

Dr. Michael Raczkowski,
Steel City Family Chiropractic Wellness Advisory Council Usa Wrestling



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General Industries

Photo Left to Right: Andrew Solan, GRC, Don Ivill, CEO General Industries, Ron Kesten, GRC President, Tom Mimidis, GRC Back: Matthew Ivill, Cynthia Grimm and Mike Allen all of General Industries.

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Chamber Insights

By Gina C. Lynn

BVA Leopards wear pink

Orange, without a doubt is the most popular color during this month of tricks and treats.

Everywhere you look you see blazing orange leaves, orange candy corn and orange pumpkins. However, you won't be seeing any orange in the Belle Vernon Area School District later this week. You may not even see much gold and white at the last home game of the season. What you will see is pink!

The Belle Vernon Area Leopards along with 40 other schools in the WPIAL are participating in a "Pink Out" Friday, Oct. 30, as a way to raise funds and awareness for breast cancer. October is National Breast Cancer Awareness month.

The idea was initiated when Ellese Meyer, a senior cheerleader from Mt. Lebanon School District approached her athletic director, John Grogan about a way to honor her mother who recently died from breast cancer.

Grogan liked the idea, but wanted to take it to the next level and challenged the rest of the WPIAL to join in. He wrote to his colleagues and has been blown away by the response.

BVA football coach Aaron Krepps contacted the Football Cheer Booster Association and asked for their support with the challenge. The Booster Association was immediately on board and contacted Grogan to find out how the Leopards could support the cause.

Grogan will supply pink ribbon helmet stickers for the entire Leopard football team and other participating teams in the WPIAL. In addition, the Booster Association began taking orders for pink BVA football t-shirts.

Ordering pink t-shirts was somewhat out of the realm for a booster association that typically stays with the school colors of gold and white. However, it was decided among the players and their coach that since pink is the color of the cause, pink is what they would wear. So an order for pink t-shirts was placed.

In just one week, close to 450 pink BVA Football t-shirts have been sold to students, teachers, staff and fans. All profits from the t-shirt sale will be donated to the Young Women's Breast Cancer Foundation: www.youngwomensbreastcancerfoundation.com/about-us.html.

Oct. 30 is Senior Recognition Night at BVA and in honor of the Pink Out, each senior football, cheer and band mother will receive a white flower with pink ribbon. Balloons and other pink enhancements will also be visible at James Weir Stadium.

Krepps and the Booster Association are asking all fans to team up with this challenge by wearing pink to the game and by donating to the cause. The Middle School Cheerleaders will be at the gates prior to the game collecting donations. Fans donating to the cause at the game will receive a Pink Ribbon sticker while supplies last.

The involvement and support of this cause has been amazing. Unfortunately, we all know someone who has had their life interrupted by this form of cancer.

Please support the cause and join in the fight Oct. 30 to help the Leopards tackle breast cancer.

GRC Board elections

The election results for board vacancies for 2010 will be announced at the October membership meeting. The board candidates for election were Patrick Alberts, Mon Valley Hospital; Mary Esther Antal, First National Bank; Larry Golashewski, PNC Bank; Raelyn Halinka, Valley 1st Community Federal Credit Union; Ron Kesten, Kesten & Associates Restaurant Equipment; Tom Patterson, Patterson Plumbing; Deborah Puglia, Howard Hanna Simon Real Estate Services; Mary Lou Taylor, National City-PNC; Rachel Willson, BVA Federal Credit Union; and Bernie Zunic, Charleroi Federal Savings Bank. Good luck to all the candidates. The nominations for board officers will be sent to the membership in early November.

Clarks to perform for Big Brothers Big Sisters

On Sunday, Nov. 1, the the wildly popular local group "The Clarks" will be performing at the Palace Theatre in Greensburg with Good Brother Earl as the opening act. The show, which begins at 7 p.m., will benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Laurel Region. Take a chance on the raffle to win a meet-and-greet session after the concert with The Clarks as well as other unique memorabilia including autographed guitars.

Individual tickets are only $23 and can be purchased on-line at www.thepalacetheatre.org or by calling the box office at (724) 836-8000.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Laurel Region matches, monitors and supports one-to-one mentoring relationships between caring adult volunteers and at-risk youth in school and community settings, providing opportunities for friendship, guidance, positive role modeling, and worthwhile, life-impacting experiences.

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Seasonal activities and upcoming events

There is still time to participate in a few events scheduled for the last week of October and plenty of upcoming holiday events to plan for. A sampling of seasonal Chamber and community activities is included in this month's supplement.

Fall Bridal Fashion Show

A Fashion Show will be held at the Willow Room Wednesday, Oct. 28, from 7 to 10 p.m. Bridal and formalwear by Checker's Boutique will be featured in the show. Refreshments will be served and a variety of wedding vendors will be present at the event. Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling Bonnie at the Willow Room, 724-379-5666.

Monessen Heritage Museum events

In conjunction with this year's Mon Valley Veterans Day Parade, the Greater Monessen Historical Society has a new exhibit at the Heritage Museum that focuses on the veterans of the Greater Monessen area.

Veterans in all branches of the service are represented from the Civil War through the Iraq Conflict. Red, white and blue accents highlight the displays of photographs, uniforms and military memorabilia.

Saturday programs called "Coffee and Conversations with a Vet" are being planned, in which local veterans discuss their wartime experiences and answer questions over coffee and donuts. The Heritage Museum is located at 505 Donner Ave. and is open on Wednesdays through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. For further information please call (724) 684-8460. The exhibit runs through December.

On Oct. 29-30, the Westmoreland County Schools' Fourteenth Annual Design Challenge for middle school students will be held in Monessen. As part of the challenge, students design a new use for an old building, construct a model and submit it for competition. The former Monessen Savings and Trust Company Building, built in 1906, has been chosen as the model. In recent years, it housed the Thrift Drug Company, the Health Mart, and Panorama Enterprises.

The Greater Monessen Historical Society has been invited to participate in Donora's annual Smog Commemoration Parade on Oct. 29.

Rostraver Twp. Trick or Treat

Ghosts, witches and monsters will be knocking on doors in Rostraver Township, Saturday, Oct. 31, from 3 to 6 p.m. as they come out for a frightening good time to collect a bounty of treats!

Sip & Save

Stop in the Rostraver Dunkin Donuts for a perfect fall treat. Enjoy their Sip & Save offer and receive a 99-cent small latte in the flavor of your choice. A latte is the perfect way to chase away the autumn chill.

Shop for a cause

Join Center on the Hill in Washington Township, Belle Vernon, for a Holiday Bliss event on Thursday, Nov. 5, from 1 to 3 p.m. The event will feature specialty vendors who will help you navigate through your gift list. The Gift Therapist will also be on hand to offer free gift-giving advice to all in attendance.

Enjoy an afternoon of shopping, entertainment, light refreshments, basket raffles and much, much more! Tickets are $5 each and may be purchased in advance at Center on the Hill. For more information call Pat Beniccio at (724) 930-8512.

The Holiday Bliss event will benefit senior programs at Center on the Hill. The event is sponsored in part by the Greater Rostraver Chamber of Commerce.

Community Holiday Party

Join the GRC at the Willow Room for their Community Christmas Party on Thursday, Dec. 10, from 6 to 10 p.m. Whether your office is large or small, you are invited to join in the holiday festivities.

The event will feature chef's food stations, including salad display, carving stations, pasta bar, baked potato bar and dessert station, cash bar and even a visit with Santa.

The cost is $24.99 per person and reservations are required. Call Kim at the Willow Room today at (724) 379-5666.

Rostraver Twp. schedules Light-Up Night

Rostraver Township Light up Night is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 27, and is presented by the Greater Rostraver Chamber of Commerce and the Rostraver Lions Club.

The event begins will begin with a parade featuring area fire and rescue departments, mascots, local organizations and groups, and of course, Santa! The festivities will take place in the lot adjacent to the Rostraver Post Office.

The festivities for the evening include a visit with Santa Claus, goody bags for the children, with treats and items provided by members of the GRC, tree lighting, bonfire, hot chocolate, cookies and more! The U.S. Marine Corps Reserves is on hand to conduct its annual Toys for Tots campaign.

Area businesses or members of the GRC wishing to donate items for the goody bags should call the Chamber Office at (724) 929-3329.

This annual holiday tradition offers fun for the entire family! Watch for additional details and information.

News from Rostraver Public Library

The Rostraver Public Library had another successful Vendor & Craft Show this past month. The participating vendors displayed a variety of products.

Thanks to the wonderful library volunteers, a used book sale and a bake sale were also conducted. A representative for the library stated, "all in all, it was a profitable and fun day."

Currently, the library is selling Enjoy books. Call the library today to order your books — they make wonderful holiday gifts.

The next fundraising event scheduled for the library will be the fashion show. We are planning to hold this in early spring so watch for details. The wine tasting, which is our biggest and best fundraising event is tentatively planned for early April.

The library is also in the process of beginning a Junior Friends of the Library. We are hoping to attract the younger members of the community as they are the heart of the library. Their children attend our story times, our book groups, use our computers, and help us in many ways. We are looking for people who would like to help out a little or a lot. We need your ideas on ways to better serve the residents in Rostraver.

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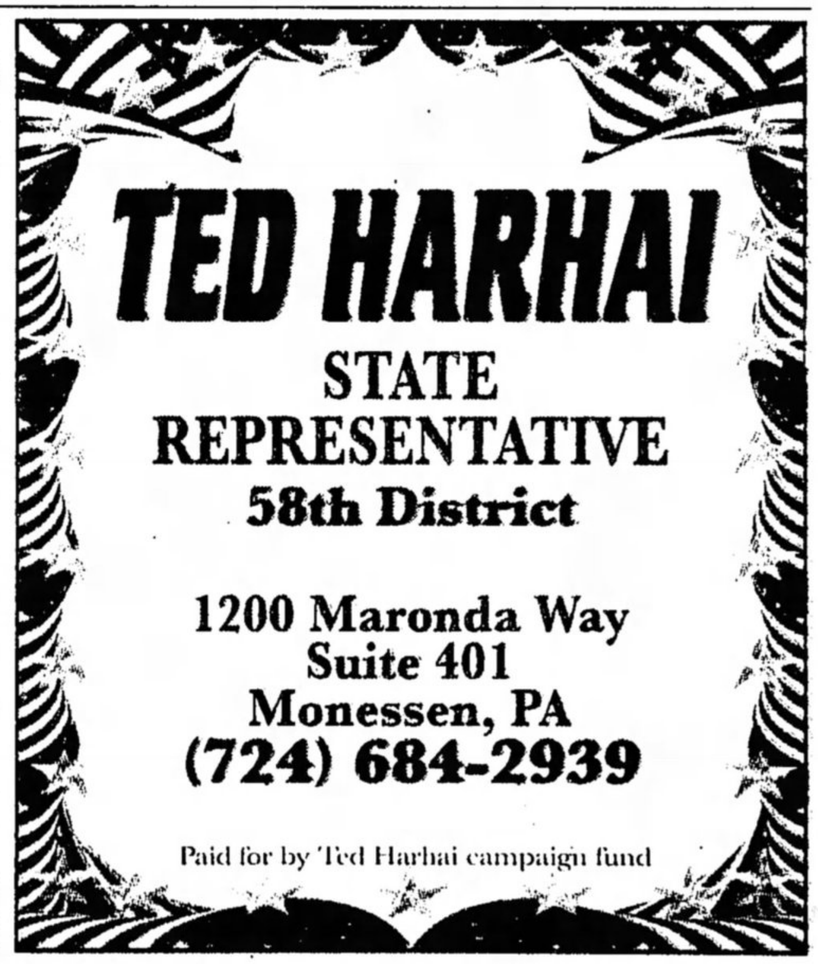

Business of the Month

General Industries premier builder

President and CEO of General Industries, Donald Ivill, has been in the construction industry since 1979. Over the last 30 years, his organization has become the premier builder and provider of Class-A commercial spaces in the tri-state area.

Ivill's involvement in over 300 building projects, as well as his focus on client-centered services, has made him an innovative thought leader in the general contracting industry.

After graduating from Shippensburg University with a degree in Business Administration, majoring in Accounting in 1977, Ivill worked for Corning Glass for two years. In 1979, he joined his father at General Mechanical Contractors and Monessen Contracting Company as lead salesperson.

With their focus on general construction, Ivill and his father built more general contracting capabilities into the business, and GMC was renamed General Industries in 1981.

Ivill became President and CEO of General Industries in 1993, and exponentially increased his organization's footprint. In 2000, Ivill launched Vale Vista Associates, an affiliate of General Industries also located in Charleroi.

Vale Vista served as the primary commercial real estate organization for General Industries until 2008 when the Vale Vista brand was merged under the parent identity of General Industries.

By focusing on providing each client and tenant with streamlined service, Ivill and his team carved their niche in the general contracting arena as a leading commercial space provider. With services like The Perfect Lease and The Smart-Build, Ivill has positioned his company as an industry leader committed to designing, building and leasing commercial spaces meticulously tailored to meet client needs and requirements.

Ivill's enthusiastic dedication to the growth, success and development of the Mon Valley region and its surrounding areas is an asset to the many communities he serves and supports.

Ivill and his wife, Gloria, reside in Rostraver Township, Pa, and have four children: Michelle, Matthew, Douglas and Justin.

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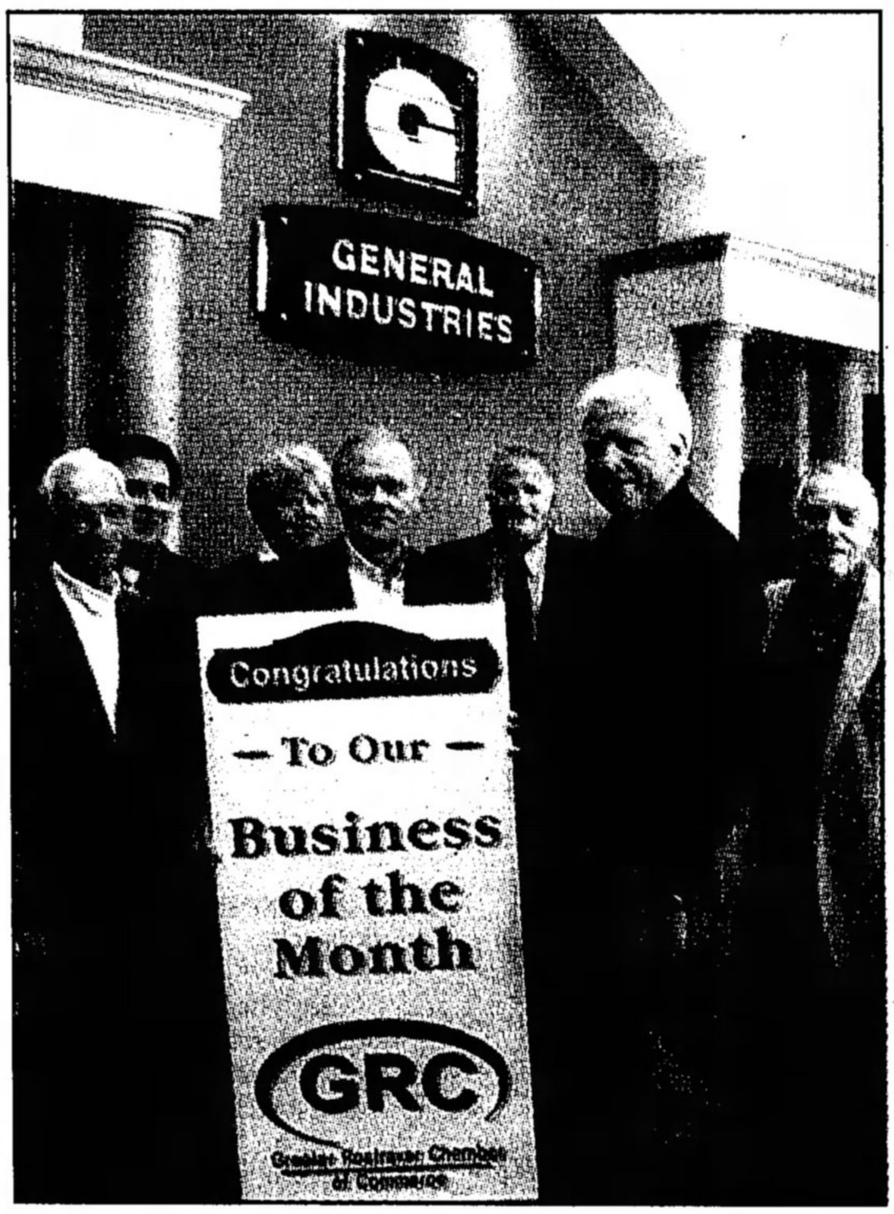

At General Industries, in front from left, are Andrew Solan, GRC, Don Ivill, CEO of General Industries, Ron Kesten, GRC President, and Tom Mimidis, GRC. In back, from left, are Matthew Ivill, Cynthia Grimm and Mike Allen, all of General Industries.

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The cost is $400, which includes the printing of the "post-it" and the discounted cost of the newspapers delivered the same day each week for 16 weeks. With this program, approximately 150 patients and their visitors will see your advertisement.

If you would like more information about the "bridge to home" program, please call Lori Byron at *The Valley Independent* at (724) 684-2644, or Erin Sinko at Monongahela Valley Hospital at (724) 258-1444.

Rostraver teen is accomplished rider

By JEFF PIKULSKY
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Brooke Kulasa may have been green going into her first horse riding and showing competition, but she came away with the gold at a major event.

When the 14-year-old Rostraver Township girl entered a four-month competition at South Park Arena early last summer, she was along for the ride as a learning experience.

But, as the competition went on, Kulasa and her trusty sidekick, Annie, a 14-year-old quarter horse, began piling up points.

Kulasa, who has been riding since she was 6, set her sights on the grand prize - the 2009 Saddle Up Open Show All-Around Grand Champion.

The title is awarded to the rider who accumulates the most points during day-long monthly shows from May through August.

Kulasa entered the competition as one of the youngest riders in the field.

She signed up for the 13 and over male and female age group, which included about 25 experienced riders going for the grand prize.

After solid showings in the first two months, Kulasa took a break with her family and traveled to North Carolina for a week-long vacation.

The rider and her mother, Missy, had to cut the trip short, however, after they learned that Brooke was leading the event by a healthy margin.

The mother and daughter rushed home in time for the third show, and the young rider and her steed cruised to victory.

Brooke Kulasa ended up with 34 ribbons awarded to places one through six in each event.

She competed in timed events that involved maneuvering her horse through obstacles.

She also had to demonstrate different riding styles and control over the horse.

For the win, Kulasa accumulated show points needed to enter into larger shows.

She plans to compete again but, for now, she is simply basking in the limelight.

"I was really nervous," she said. "It was pretty tough at the first show. But then, after a couple of classes, I got used to it."

Kulasa said going into the show as a rookie simply looking to have fun gave her an edge because she felt less pressure.

She emerged more confident and outgoing.

"It just kind of gave me a new view," she said. "I was really shy when I first started, and now I can't stop talking."

Kulasa shows under the guidance of Kelli Mroziak, a trainer at Sun Hill Quarter Horses in New Stanton.

Annie has been a champion before, but Kulasa is sure her relationship with the horse is special.

"She wouldn't walk herself into the show pen. Someone had to walk her. Then, eventually we walked in together," Kulasa recalled of the competition.

"All the previous years, when other girls tried to show her, she wouldn't walk through the gate. Somebody had to lead her in," Missy Kulasa said of Annie.

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Brooke Kulasa, of Rostraver Township, poses with photos of her and Annie, a 14-year-old quarter horse who helped the 14-year-old eighth grader win 34 ribbons in riding and showing competitions during the past summer.

Holiday Kid Camp at the Center for Fitness and Health

Get the kids moving and having fun instead of moping around the house.

Bring them to the Center for Fitness and Health for a few hours of pool and fitness activity.

Camp is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with one hour being spent in pool games and one hour playing land games and fitness activities.

Dates are Monday, Nov. 30, and Monday, Dec. 28 to Wednesday, Dec. 30. The cost is $20 per day.

Kids should arrive in their swimsuits and bring clothing for the land activities.

Call (724) 379-5100 to register

Calling all vendors!

The Center for Fitness and Health is hosting its annual Member Shopping Day on Saturday, Dec. 5, from 10a.m. to 2 p.m. Last year there was everything from cosmetics to homemade candy apples, and all vendors had great sales that day.

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MVH releases November calendar

Unless otherwise noted, the following programs will be held in the Anthony M. Lombardi Education Conference Center at Monongahela Valley Hospital.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Nov. 3, 4, 5
Understanding Your Diabetes Meal Plan

8:30 a.m., Mon-Vale HealthPLEX, Rostraver. Builds on the education received in the Managing Your Diabetes program. Learn more about food choices, dining out, and how your eating habits affect your blood glucose control. Prerequisite: Must have attended the Managing Your Diabetes education program. Advanced registration is required to attend. Contact the Center for Diabetes at 724-258-1483 for more information and to register.

Wednesday, Nov. 4
Auxiliary Harvest Luncheon

Noon, ECC. The public is invited to this special sit-down luncheon sponsored by the Auxiliary of Mon-Vale Health Resources, Inc. The luncheon will feature entertainment and prizes. Cost is $20 and tickets will be sold in advance in the Monongahela Valley Hospital gift shop. To purchase a ticket or for more information, contact Dorothy Paterline, Auxiliary Ways and Means Chairperson at 724-483-7797 or Co-chairperson Lil Nard at 724-929-6030.

Wednesday, Nov. 4
Breast Cancer Support Group

6 p.m., ECC. This support group is free and open to all breast cancer patients and their families. For more information, call 724-258-1455.

Wednesday, November 4, 11, 18, 25
Childbirth Preparation Classes

7 to 9 p.m., Mon-Vale HealthPLEX, Rostraver. A four-week series of prenatal education classes designed to prepare couples for the birthing process. Topics include: signs of labor, vaginal and c-section deliveries, role of the labor coach, comfort measures including breathing and relaxation skills and pain medication options. Couples will rehearse what they learn in class to help relieve anxiety surrounding the birthing experience. For more information, call 724-258-BABY (2229).

Wednesday, Nov. 11
Advanced Carbohydrate Counting

9 a.m., ECC. Diabetes self-management class focuses on carb counting and how to measure the upward drive each meal has on blood sugar and information on the glycemic index. It is required that initial three-day Diabetes Self Management Training be completed prior to attending the Carbohydrate Counting class. At least one week advanced registration also is required. For more information or to register, call 724-258-1148.

Wednesday, Nov. 11
Prostate Cancer Support Group

6 p.m., ECC. The Prostate Cancer Support Group is free and open to all persons with prostate cancer and their families. The discussion will be lead by Andrew J. Zahalsky, M.D. and Lori Lasich, CRNP, from the MVH Regional Cancer Center. For more information, call 724-292- 9404.

Thursday, Nov. 12
Diabetes Support Group

5:30 p.m., ECC. Annual Holiday Dinner - open to all diabetics and their families. Cost is $7.50. For more information, call 724-258-1148 to register.

Monday, November 16
Cancer Support Group

7 p.m., ECC. This support group is free and open to all cancer patients and their families. For additional information, call 724-258-1704.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Nov. 17, 18, 19
Managing Your Diabetes

6 p..m., ECC. 3-day, 2-hour per day education series that focuses on diabetes self-management and care. Registration is required at least one-week prior to the start of classes. For more information or to register, call 724-258-1483.

Tuesday, Nov. 17
Innovations In Sports Medicine Injuries

6 p.m., ECC. Board certified Orthopedic Surgeon Christopher Emond, M.D. and a team of health care professionals will present a free program designed to recognize the risk factors for sports injuries and discuss the latest methods of treatment. This program qualifies for Act 48 credits and is part of MVH's Innovations series featuring physician guest speakers providing medical information to the community. Refreshments will be served. Call 724-258-1234 for registration or more information.

Thursday, Nov. 19
World AIDS Awareness Day – Universal Access and Human Rights

7:30 a.m., ECC. This free, annual event is sponsored by the Mon Valley AIDS Task Force, Inc. and Mon-Vale Health Resources, Inc. (MVHR) and is designed for students from middle school, high school and college, youth group leaders, educators and counselors. The program will include presentations and a panel discussion by regional and national experts working to prevent HIV and AIDS. For more information or to register, call 724-258-1270 or 724-258-1256.

Thursday, Nov. 19
Ostomy Support Group

6 p.m., ECC. This support group is free and open to all persons with ostomies and their families and friends. For more information, call 724-258-1773.

Thursday, Nov. 19
Public First Aid Instruction

6 p.m., ECC. Adult first aid classes are offered by the hospital in conjunction with Valley Health and Safety Training Center. The $25 fee is payable to VHSTC; registration is required at 724-684-9536.

Monday, Nov. 23
Breast-feeding Class

6:30 p.m., Mon-Vale HealthPLEX, Rostraver. This free class is designed for mothers who plan to breastfeed and to help them feel more comfortable and confident while in the hospital after delivery and when returning home. Many props are used in this class including breast pumps. Husbands and grandmothers are welcome and encouraged to attend. For information, call 724-258-BABY (2229).

Monday, Nov. 23
Light Up Night

7 p.m., Hospital Central Plaza. A long-standing tradition at MVH, the Light-Up Night revelry will begin at 7 p.m. and will feature a special visit by Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus. Children will have the opportunity to personally meet Santa and Mrs. Claus and each child will receive a treat. During the event, the MVH Auxiliary will hold a bake sale and gift raffle. Refreshments will be served.

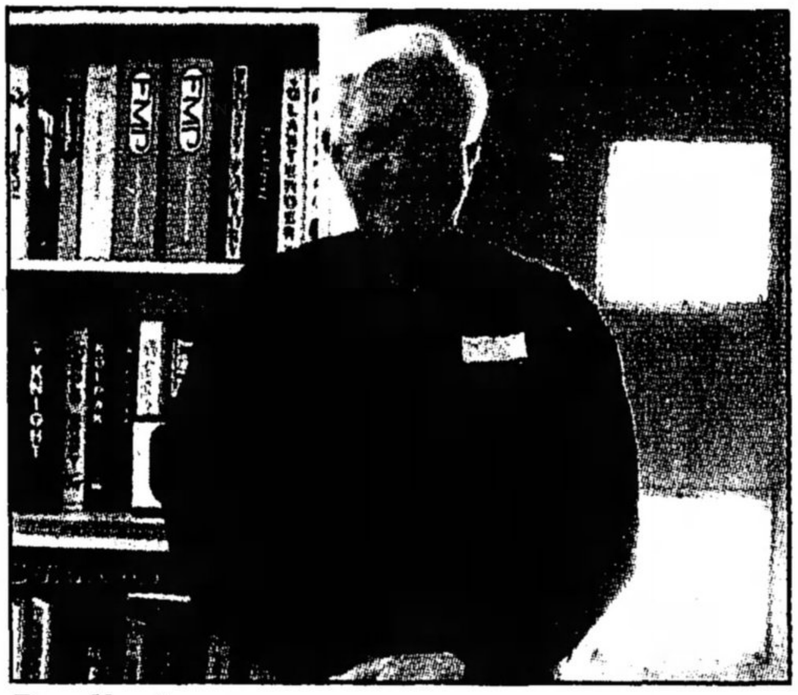
Tuesday, Nov. 24
Public CPR Instruction

6 p.m., ECC. Adult CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) classes are offered by the hospital in conjunction with Valley Health and Safety Training Center (VHSTC). The $30 fee is payable to VHSTC and advance registration is required at 724-684-9536.

Letter from the President

Health care reform would be disastrous

By RON KESTEN



Ron Kesten

I have had the pleasure of writing several articles this year for the Chamber Chatter. As a business owner and proud American today's comments will be about my opinions of where we are today.

First of all in Western Pennsylvania, we have been fortunate that this year business has not been anywhere near as bad as many other areas of our country. We do have the 10 percent unemployment problem.

In conversation with other business owners, I find that most say they have had a slight increase in their business, but not as much as previous years.

The goal of any Chamber of Commerce is to support its businesses and communities. I believe the GRC has done that. I urge all of you to continue to support your local chamber members.

With the Christmas season coming, I ask all to shop locally.

Changing the subject, I would like to address the national health care issue.

I believe that our health care is a very important issue that needs to be addressed. Private companies need to address costs to individuals and businesses. Tort needs to be reviewed.

If passed, the proposed plan will badly hurt all small and large businesses. It will put many out of business. We do not have to be told by the government that we must have insurance provided by the government or face penalties. Our government has not done a good job running Social Security or Medicare. The government stimulus plan has put our country in deeper debt than ever before. The health care plan will add to that debt.

I urge all to learn more about this plan that will be forced upon us. If you agree, I suggest that you ask your representative to vote against it.

After reading this article, I welcome your comments and opinions.

Rider (FROM PAGE FIVE)

Annie became available when her former rider moved on to another horse.

Brooke Kulasa said she jumped at the chance to ride the veteran steed.

The youth said she shares a strong bond with Annie, a natural fit she realized when she first rode her.

"She's like the sweetest horse I've ever met," Brooke Kulasa said.

The horse has her moments, though.

Brooke Kulasa said, when she arrived home from vacation shortly before the third show, Annie was a bit testy.

"When I came back and rode her the night before the show, she was mad at me because I hadn't seen her for a week," Kulasa said with a smile. "Then, at the show she did fine."

When Kulasa took over riding Annie, the aging horse hadn't won a title in three years.

Annie suffers from arthritis in her legs. But the mare turned it on for her young rider when it was time to hit the show floor.

"She's has really bad arthritis, but she still goes," Kulasa said. "She knows when she's going to a show. We get her all fancied up and she's all happy the night before."

Fund-raising luncheon set for Nov. 13

A 13th annual fund-raising luncheon sponsored by Howard Hanna Simon Real Estate Services will be held noon to 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13, at the Clubhouse Grille at Cedarbrook Golf Course, Route 51 and 70, Rostraver Township.

There will be a lunch, auctions, raffles, a bake sale and more. All proceeds go to the Children's Free Care Fund at Mon Valley Hospital.

Donations are greatly appreciated, whether it's cash or items for the auctions and raffles. Contact Cindy Walman or Diane Mesiarik at (724) 929-9699.

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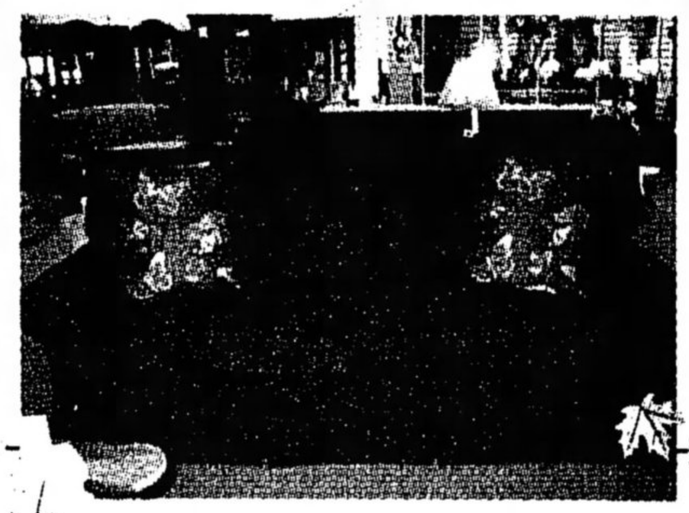

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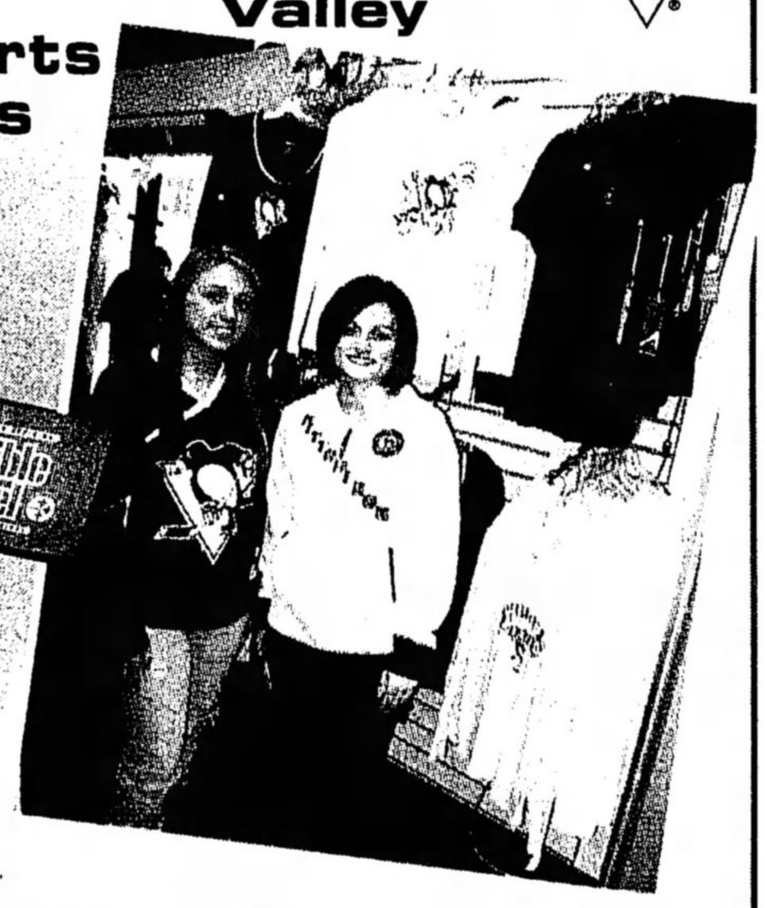

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